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*Canadians are really actively engaged in foreign policy today
in a way they never were before. I'd like to be a part of
consulting with them...in the months ahead.*

— Foreign Affairs Minister Bill Graham,
February 21, 2002

Dear Friends,

The National Forum on Africa, in January and February, provided important and useful policy advice in preparation for the G8 Kananaskis Summit and for longer-term foreign policy development. The National Forum also provided an opportunity for Canadians, Africans and others to explore their common interests and strengthen their ties. These recommendations and the advice from the National Forum on Africa have already been provided to policy makers across government for their ongoing work.

In total, nearly 400 people took part in the Africa National Forum: Members of Parliament, government officials, academic experts, NGO experts, students, youth activists, business, labour, international organizations and guests from African governments and civil society. I am especially grateful to all the rapporteurs and to our partner hosts: Mary Lynne Bratti and Janice Stein (Munk Centre for International Studies, University of Toronto, January 25); Alex Macleod and Bonnie Campbell (Université du Québec à Montréal, February 8); Andrea Thornton and Robert MacKinnon (University of New Brunswick at Saint John, February 15); and Helen Augustin and Robert Anderson (Simon Fraser University, February 25).

At each of these meetings participants requested feedback. In response, we are publishing this report which includes subsequent policy development activities which flow from some of the National Forum recommendations. We are including the latest available information on the Africa Action Plan, and at our National Forum website (www.ecommons.net/ccfpd-africa), you will find a feedback guest book. As well, up-to-date information can be found on the G8 website at www.g8.gc.ca.

For those interested in the expert presentations made at the National Forum, with access to Internet media players (RealPlayer or Windows Media), you can view the National Forum presentations at www.ecommons.net/ccfpd-africa. This resource is a part of our ongoing partnership with the byDesign eLab. We have also produced online video from other recent policy discussions, including "Clash of Civilizations?", New Directions in U.S. Foreign Policy, and The Future of Canada–Europe Relations. These are valuable tools for both public and formal education.

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