

- 1.1 We should like to emphasize the need to ensure that the resources for the instruments of foreign policy, including the foreign service, be appropriately allocated and commensurate with the objectives of foreign policy that will emerge from this report.

Response

*The Government agrees that the resources at its disposal for pursuing Canada's objectives internationally must reflect the importance of the issues at stake. However, it is also necessary to operate within the confines of the diminishing financial resources available in current circumstances. The central objective of the Program Review now under way is to match resources with priorities in a situation that demands both restraint and innovation.*

*The Foreign Policy Review process is dedicated to ensuring effective pursuit of Canada's central objectives in a rapidly evolving international environment, at a time when the resources available to Government are limited.*

*The Government will keep its foreign operations under constant review to ensure that they stress our engagement in areas of long-term importance, and also that domestic and international policies are managed so as to maintain our capacity for effectively influencing world affairs and responding to change in the international environment. The Government will adjust the allocation of available resources in accordance with evolving policy priorities, and will focus these on its three central foreign policy objectives:*

- *promoting prosperity and employment;*
- *protecting our security, within a stable global framework; and*
- *projecting Canadian values and culture.*