

We have changed our approach to "doing business" by using some of the latest developments in high-tech communications. But diplomacy still requires people—and good people—"on the ground." I can testify to that from my own trips abroad.

Let me say as well that this week I think we've seen another success: that is, the success of the election in Cambodia, where the people of that country have expressed their faith in themselves and in their country by coming out in unprecedented numbers, despite the potential dangers and risks they faced. Here was a place where multilateralism and years of work paid off. I think Canadian professionals had a role in that.

And diplomacy, in all of its aspects, still requires a strictly unique Canadian view. And that is why I continue to be very proud of what we have accomplished as a country, as a government, and as a department, over the past two years in this field. I believe that our legacy will well serve Canadians and the world for many years to come.