

traditionally been a leader in peacekeeping operations. My aim is to move us toward being a leader in peacebuilding.

The Canadian Peacebuilding Initiative will give us the means to mobilize Canadian expertise in support of peacebuilding. It will give us the tools we need to respond quickly and effectively to the complex requirements of building peace — putting in place the elements necessary to promote trust and confidence among diverse communities within states. The same tools will enable us to promote co-operative relations between states in ways that contribute to real human security — not simply the false and cold peace of military armed stand-offs. The Israeli statesman Abba Eban said: "Men and nations do behave wisely — once all other alternatives have been exhausted." The Canadian Peacebuilding Initiative is designed to ensure that we do not have to exhaust all other options before we take definitive action to build peace.

Thank you.

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