

## Chapter V

### POLICY PROJECTIONS

From this whole review a pattern of policy for the seventies emerges. None of the six themes—Sovereignty and Independence, Peace and Security, Social Justice, Quality of Life, Harmonious Natural Environment or Economic Growth—can be neglected. In the light of current forecasts, domestic and international, there is every reason to give a higher priority than in the past to the themes of Harmonious Natural Environment and Quality of Life. Canadians have become more and more aware of a pressing need to take positive action to ward off threats to the physical attractions of Canada, and to safeguard the social conditions and human values which signify Canada's distinct identity. They are increasingly concerned about minimizing the abrasions of rapidly-evolving technologies, conserving natural resources, reducing disparities regional and otherwise, dealing with pollution, improving urban and rural living conditions, protecting consumers, cultural enrichment, improving methods of communication and transportation, expanding research and development in many fields. All of these concerns have international ramifications. To enlarge external activities in these fields and to meet ongoing commitments such as development assistance (Social Justice), disarmament negotiations, the promotion of *détente* and peacekeeping (Peace and Security), it will be essential to maintain the strength of Canada's economy (Economic Growth).

#### Policy Patterns

To achieve the desired results, various mixes of policy are possible. For example, priorities could be set as follows:

- In response to popular sentiment, which is concerned with the threats of poverty and pollution and the challenge to national