
- one that is pluralistic and participatory, that allows for the expression of diverse views and that offers its members the opportunities and resources to participate in the life of their community and country. Essential is a **legal and institutional** framework, which includes the rule of law, an independent judiciary, honest and open government, respect for human rights and the subordination of military force to civil authority.

Our support for the restoration of democracy in Haiti reflects the need to work on a number of fronts. We have sought to consolidate emerging new democracies through dialogue and, in many instances, through technical, legal and other forms of assistance. This is currently the case in Haiti, whose new police force Canadians are helping to train. The Government will give priority to supporting democracy the world over in coming years.

The international system must be ruled by law not power.

- The rule of law is the essence of civilized behaviour both within and among nations. Clearly defined rules allow us to plan commitments and activities with reasonable certainty that our expectations about the surrounding environment will not be upset by arbitrary and erratic changes. Perhaps even more importantly, agreed rules help to diminish the capacity of those with the greatest raw influence to bend society - and the international community - to their own ends. Rule-making helps to redress power imbalances.

Canada will remain in the forefront of those countries working to expand the rule of law internationally. We will work to ensure greater **market-based fairness** in the trading system through clearly defined, transparent rules governing trade and investment liberalization. We remain committed to developing new frameworks and rules to address emerging fields of economic activity and concern. Rules-based regimes of arms control and conflict resolution are key priorities for the Government. To reinforce the ability of our peacekeepers and the UN to do their job in dangerous situations, Canada recently chaired UN negotiations that led to a new international agreement on the protection of peacekeepers and other UN personnel. In all of these ways, the Government is determined to build on Canada's proud tradition of rule-making in the international arena.

Sustainable development.

- Increasingly, a central component of the Canadian value system, **sustainable development**, is a matter of both common security and good economics. Environmentalists, development specialists and