

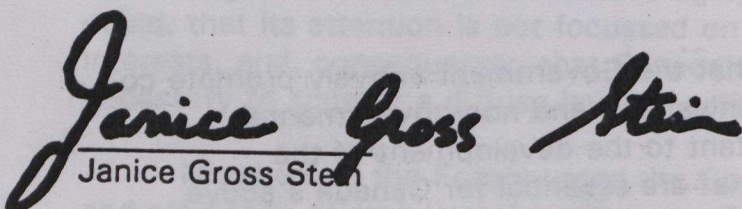
2. *Accountability and Education.* Participants in the Forum welcomed the Government's intention to give Parliament a more active role in the process of making foreign and defence policy accountable and transparent. Parliament or its committees should be equipped with permanent research staff and policy analysts so that they can review policy more effectively and contribute to informed public debate on Canada's international relations.

3. *Policy Analysis.* Forum participants identified a need to enhance and co-ordinate timely and high-quality analysis of Canada's international relations. Unique among OECD countries, Canada has no national institute that co-ordinates existing foreign and defence policy analysis, identifies priorities for analysis, and contributes to the public debate. Forum participants urged that the Government consider a permanent national Forum or Centre for Foreign Policy Development, jointly funded by the public and private sector, that can help to co-ordinate research and analytic resources to avoid duplication and maximize effectiveness, provide the essential infrastructure for a co-ordinated capacity to address issues, and review and evaluate policy and the linkages among components of Canada's international relations.

Participants in the National Forum on Canada's International Relations welcome enthusiastically the significant beginning that has been made in the opening up of the policy debate and in the consideration of new ideas and approaches at a historic moment in Canada's international relations. Forum members consider it essential that the policy process be democratized and open to new ideas and new participants as the Government of Canada moves increasingly toward strategic partnerships with society in a world that will reward those with the best knowledge, skills, and expertise.

We wish to thank the Ministers of Foreign Affairs and National Defence, and the Minister for International Trade for their sponsorship, support, and participation. On behalf of members of the Forum, we respectfully submit this report.

  
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