

As "Foreign Policy for Canadians" pointed out, there is a close link between environmental ills and the quality of life in Canada and abroad. This theme covers the promotion of a sane and livable social environment as well as that of the ecology. Terrorism is a contemporary phenomenon which only determined international co-operation will control. International drug trafficking is another area where the concentrated effort of all countries is necessary.

But Canada can also promote the quality of the lives of Canadians through expanding and enriching our cultural links abroad, through human contact in science and education, as well as in the arts, binding and reflecting the bilingual and multicultural character of Canadian society.

Canada's economic development is inextricably linked to the overall international environment. External factors and how we deal with them will be of central importance to our economic growth. Every economic goal which we have in this country is subject to the influence of external factors. Whether we are talking about regional development in Canada, industrial adjustment, skill upgrading, finding markets for our goods, all are influenced by what takes place outside our borders. Canada must pursue policies which defend, support and promote our domestic economic growth.

Canada is increasingly dependent on the world economic system. Canadian exports as a percentage of G.N.P. are greater than at any time in the past. We have a network of economic links with the world which are central to our economic well-being.

Canada is vitally dependent on an open and stable multilateral trade and payments system. We must work with our major trading partners and others to strengthen this system. The system at present is under considerable protectionist pressures from many directions. No member of the trading community can claim to be blemish-free in this regard. Who would have foreseen at the outset of the 1970s, for example, that in the 1980s there would be demands and pressures in the international trading system for restraints and adjustments forced on major industries which are too successful? This is an unfortunate sign of the times and a challenge facing the trading world.

A greater diversification of Canada's economic partnerships has been a principal corner-stone of Canadian foreign policy for a number of years. These efforts have been directed in particular at our industrialized partners, but the 1970s have seen the considerable economic growth of the so-called newly industrializing countries.