

not a major budget item in Canada, but peacekeeping costs money. Countries that are running up debts and running down their economy are not able to maintain the range and extent and vigour of peacekeeping operations that we would want to do.

So when you look at those things that define Canada's difference internationally; our interest in our North, our determination to assert our sovereignty, our determination to play the peacekeeping role that have been important for Canada... you don't do those things without help. You don't have money without growth. You don't have growth without trade. So one of the reason that we will be better able to assert our independence in the world, is that we will be better able to afford that kind of independence.

It doesn't just apply to social work. Take the CBC. CBC is renowned across the country for producing excellent programmes like Anne of Green Gables and He Shoots, He Scores, like so many others. You don't have the CBC unless you can pay for it. You don't have other national institutions unless you can pay for them. You can't pay for it without a strong economy. In a country that relies on trade, if you don't have a strong economy without being effective in international trade. Same thing with social projects.

There are discussions underway now in Canada with regard to Child Care Programmes. You can't have child care programmes in Canada unless you can pay for it. You can't have our other programmes unless you can pay for it. And in a country like this, dependent as we are upon trade, you don't pay for it without growth and you don't get growth without taking advantage of your international trading opportunities.

I am very interested in the concept of Sovereignty. Sovereignty isn't something you talk about, sovereignty is something you do, sovereignty is something you exercise. And you can't exercise it without the capacity, without the practical capacity to pay for the things that you want to do that make your community distinct and that is what we are talking about in this trade arrangement. You are talking about the ability to do things otherwise we could only talk about.