
These objectives are *interrelated and mutually reinforcing*. They will guide decisions on priorities and on the allocation of resources.

- **The promotion of prosperity and employment is at the heart of the Government's agenda.** International markets present tremendous opportunities for Canadians: we can compete with the best in the world. In order to assist Canadians to do so, the Government will work to build a supportive domestic economic policy framework; to gain access for our goods and services abroad; to reinforce an open, fair and predictable set of rules governing international trade and investment; and to provide means to ensure that Canadian firms are able to take advantage of opportunities abroad.

The Government will also work to reinforce global prosperity. When other parts of the world prosper, we benefit in many ways. Prosperity helps to anchor international stability and enables progress towards sustainable development. More prosperous people are able to maintain more mature and mutually beneficial economic partnerships with Canada, becoming increasingly open to our values and thus more active partners in building the international system.

- **The promotion of global peace as the key to protecting our security remains a central element of our foreign policy.** Stability and security are prerequisites for economic growth and development. However, the threats to security now are more complex than before. A whole range of issues that transcend borders - including mass migration, crime, disease, environmental degradation, overpopulation, and underdevelopment - have peace and security implications at the regional or global level.

Our own security, including our economic security, is increasingly dependent on the security of others. More than ever, the forces of globalization, technological development, and the scale of human activity, reinforce our fundamental interdependence with the rest of the world. We need to address security issues in an integrated fashion and to draw on all available foreign policy instruments.

- **The projection of Canadian values and culture is important to our success in the world.** The Government agrees with the Special Joint Parliamentary Committee Reviewing Canadian Foreign Policy that: "Canadian foreign policy should celebrate and promote Canadian culture and learning as an important way of advancing our interests in international affairs."

Successful promotion of our values - respect for human rights, democracy, the rule of law, and the environment - will make an