

political vulnerability of Western standards of order to the charge of double standards is much greater in other areas of world order than in the maintenance of peace and security.

Poverty, protectionism, environmental burden-sharing and debt-relief will be the test cases in these areas.

The Machinery of War and the Machinery of Order

One fundamental change that must be implemented for a viable world order, is to take seriously and act upon the issues of proliferation of weapons, of trafficking in weaponry, of arms races and build-ups. The worst possible outcome would include the massive diversion of existing weapons stocks and future arms exports from areas of East-West confrontation to other parts of the world. Canada must now push, as a first order of priority in our foreign policy, for further steady arms reductions among industrialized countries and for tough and fair regimes against proliferation elsewhere.

Canada and World Order

The world looks to Canada for special contributions to building the new world order because of its capabilities, its historical record of innovation and participation, and a political culture which has been viewed as one of the world's best models for the management of linguistic, ethnic and regional diversity. Canada's world role has been insufficiently understood and appreciated by post-war generations of Canadians to contribute to the fibres of national pride, unity and purpose. If four decades of paralytic confrontation between the superpowers has led many Canadians to see themselves more as spectators and critics than as actors on the world stage, they had better recognize, for better or for worse, that the world has changed.