

We are also determined that Canada's foreign policy expresses and unifies the various elements of Canadian society. The Francophone Summit, like the Meech Lake Accord, reflects a new sense of confidence in ourselves. So does the leadership role we have taken in the Commonwealth. We are working closely and harmoniously with all the provinces in all the areas of our foreign policy of concern to them. This includes discussion at the highest level, in the Conferences of First Ministers.

We are reflecting in our foreign policy the desires of Canadians for a safer, more prosperous and humane world. The world needs the active participation of a country like Canada which will always remain fundamentally committed to the importance of multilateralism. International cooperation and coordination are critical in an interdependent world and we have worked strenuously to reinforce such cooperative trends in the world whenever and wherever they materialized. We have also renewed Canada's commitment to both collective security and to trade liberalization.

Our policy of constructive internationalism is, we think, the most appropriate response to interdependence. Insularity is not. Protectionism is not.

Interdependence is a reality. It is also an opportunity. It is an opportunity for us to shape the world in a way that accords more exactly with the traditions of tolerance and the traditions of moderation which have been part of this country. Constructive internationalism is the projection abroad of our own national enterprise of compromise and consensus-building. It is true to a long cherished legacy of Canadian foreign policy. It expresses confidence in our ability to promote the best of what Canada has to offer. We think it accurately reflects the wishes of ordinary Canadians right across the country.