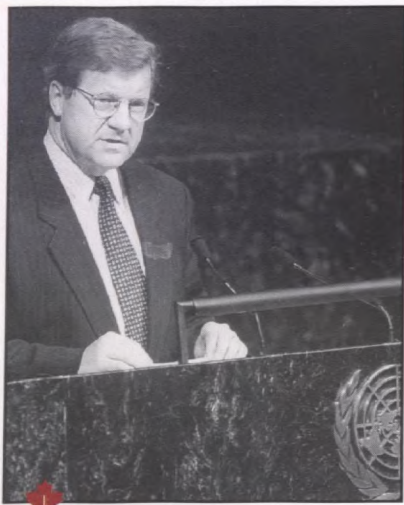


BUILDING A BETTER PEACE *Canada's Agenda*

At its creation, the lofty goal of the United Nations was to secure international peace and security and to "save succeeding generations from the scourge of war." More than fifty years later, the need for strong international institutions capable of protecting and promoting human security is greater than ever.

Canada is ready and able to contribute. We have established a record as a country for which foreign policy is motivated as much by conscience and principle as by interest. Our current leadership on peacebuilding, the elimination of child labour, and in forging an international agreement to ban anti-personnel landmines does not originate in any sophisticated calculation of narrow national interest, but rather in the belief that it is the right thing to do. Canadians and the international community expect no less from Canada.



"We Canadians believe deeply in cooperative approaches that reach across cultural, economic and political boundaries. Canadians are, by tradition and conviction, good global citizens committed to cooperative multilateralism."

Jean Chrétien
PRIME MINISTER

Canada is uniquely placed to work constructively with countries from all regions. Our geographic location on the Atlantic, Pacific and Arctic Oceans, and our memberships in the Commonwealth, Francophonie, OAS, NATO, APEC, the Summit of the Eight, and the OSCE provide us with a window on Africa, Arctic, Asia/Pacific, Europe, Latin America and the USA. Canada's humanitarian assistance and development cooperation have helped us build partnerships with a vast number of countries. Canada's bilingual and multicultural heritage gives us privileged access to the anglophone and francophone worlds, and affords us access to the homelands of Canadians from every part of the globe.

"Canada has the necessary means and reputation to play a key role in promoting human security. The work we are doing today to promote democracy, human rights and peaceful settlement of disputes is very much in the 'Pearsonian' mold. Today, this internationalist vocation is still what gives us our identity."

Lloyd Axworthy

MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS
Manitoba

Canadians view the United Nations as an essential instrument for promoting global peace, stability and human security. They believe that a reformed, revitalized UN should continue to be the primary vehicle to resolve the many challenges facing humanity. Canada's voice on the UN Security Council at this critical juncture of renewal and reform would strengthen the UN's ability to respond effectively to the global security issues facing the world today.

