

can't rely on others to look after our interests. We can't rely on our geography because splendid isolation does not exist any more. And we can't do it alone because these problems are problems which have to be solved with others.

The nations we read about in our history books could debate whether or not their country's interests could be met by acting as if the world did not exist. No one has that luxury any more.

Consider these questions.

In a world of trade dominated by Japan, the European Community and the United States, how does Canada survive without rules of trade?

In a world where a conflict in a distant desert can send Canadian energy prices through the roof and send our stock markets tumbling, can Canada ignore regional conflicts as if they did not threaten our prosperity or the order we depend on?

In a world where pollution knows no borders, and poisons which Canada has long banned are carried by winds to our waters and our lands, can Canada succeed in cleaning up its own environment without involving others in making joint commitments?

In a world where poor countries grow drugs because they have no profitable alternative, can Canada rid its streets and its kids of narcotics without a partnership with suppliers to address their problems as well?

On all these issues we need national action at home and national action abroad. The challenge is clear. We either work together and succeed or we work separately and fail. There is no global escape hatch and no global escape clause.

There never has been for Canada and there never will be. Countries which are bigger or stronger -- with larger economies or populations or armies -- have been able to ignore international order or impose their order on the world. We can't do that. We have always depended on co-operation and partnerships with others for our security, for our trade and for our prosperity.

That mandates being out in the world protecting Canadian interests and promoting Canadian values. It also mandates responsibility. Co-operation with others occasionally requires concessions -- from them and from us. Partnerships will only