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Overall this entails:

- **An integrated approach to international relations:** The Statement sets out a whole-of-government, whole-of-Canada plan of action to respond to the international challenges facing the country today.
- **Reinvestment in Canada's role in the world:** Significant new funds have been committed to Canada's international instruments, positioning the government to implement the IPS. Approximately \$17 billion has been earmarked over a five-year period to meet international responsibilities and raise Canada's international profile. Funds will be directed toward bolstering national defence, doubling international assistance, strengthening the effectiveness and agility of Canada's diplomatic presence abroad, and building stronger international economic relationships.
- **Recognition of the changing geopolitical landscape:** While acknowledging the pre-eminence of the United States and the importance of North America to Canada's international policy, the IPS recognizes that Canada must develop deeper relations with a new tier of world players.

- **Recognition that the issues Canada faces are more complex and increasingly interrelated, blurring the distinction between "domestic" and "international":** The IPS highlights the links among security, development, commerce and the environment, and concludes that Canada's response must be comprehensive.

### Next steps

Foreign Affairs Canada has embarked on a major transformation to deliver a more sophisticated, agile and open approach to diplomacy. In the years to come, it will:

- Establish new program capacity to ensure that operations such as the proposed Stabilization and Reconstruction Task Force (START) make a real difference in the lives of civilians suffering in failed and fragile societies;
- Lead whole-of-government efforts on strategies in countries and regions of the world, focusing initially on North America, rising powers and fragile states;
- Seek modernization of the multi-lateral architecture, and strengthen its capacity to tackle emerging and enduring global issues, such as sustainable development and health;
- Strengthen representation abroad in line with priorities in countries and regions;

- Mainstream public diplomacy to engage Canadians more intensively and reach out to international audiences;
- Explore innovative approaches to foreign policy challenges, such as a North American forum, a democracy council, a leaders' G20 (L20), and a pathfinders' network; and
- Modernize consular and passport operations to provide the best possible assistance to Canadians abroad.

The government is moving ahead rapidly to deliver on the *International Policy Statement*. Parliament is examining the documents, and its recommendations will be considered as part of the government's commitment to an ongoing review of the IPS and an annual statement on the progress of its implementation. 🍁

**The full text of the *International Policy Statement* is available on-line at [www.international.gc.ca](http://www.international.gc.ca). To order a printed copy, contact the Enquiries Service by e-mail at [enqserv@international.gc.ca](mailto:enqserv@international.gc.ca), or call (613) 944-4000 or 1 800 267-8376 (toll-free).**

### Five key priorities guide Canada's international engagement:

1. Revitalizing Canada's North American partnership by enhancing security and promoting prosperity.
2. Building a more secure world by countering terrorism, stabilizing failed and fragile states and combatting the proliferation of weapons of mass destruction.
3. Increasing prosperity by strengthening Canada's competitiveness, enhancing commercial engagement and targeting support for Canadian businesses.
4. Promoting respect for human rights and building genuine development by sharing Canadian expertise to reform global governance and enhance local capacity.
5. Crafting a new multilateralism and flexible diplomacy to deal with international developments.