

response. So it was, on a smaller scale, that Canadian individuals responded so quickly to natural and political crisis in Mexico and Haiti and The Philippines. As their Minister, I salute the public servants who go extra miles and after hours when crises break abroad, but in their name I want also to thank the thousands of individual Canadians who follow their generous international instincts when these crises occur.

We are taking other steps to mobilize this Canadian vocation for constructive internationalism. As one example, a group of six members of the Canadian Young Presidents Organization will depart for Manila on November 14 where they will work with officials of The Philippines, to devise and identify programmes and opportunities that will let the world's private sector help President Aquino consolidate the great reform she has begun. We are also helping The Philippines in all the traditional ways. But the real need now is the kind of economic performance which will win international investor confidence. Canadians can help reach that goal, so we are sending some of our best.

We are also breaking new ground in the use we make of officials trips. In Beijing, the Prime Minister opened the meeting of the Canada/China Trade Council adding immense authority to the idea of economic cooperation between our two countries.

Former Secretaries of State were not inclined to have Canadian investors travel with them. They are with me, everywhere -- and together, we have helped find new opportunities for sales, for investment, for joint ventures, for technology transfer -- in India and in Uruguay, and in Pakistan and in Cairo, in Thailand, in Tokyo, and in the Pampas of Argentina, and elsewhere around the world.

When I had the honour last month to lead the Canadian Delegation to the GATT Ministerial meeting, our numbers included not just our own excellent public servants, but also leaders in Canadian business and economics, and Ministers representing the provincial governments of every region of Canada.

We are in this world together, and this government intends to exercise our leadership in a way that makes the best use of the extraordinary private and public talents that are here to work for Canada.

I have not time to cover the world today. My colleague, The Minister for International Relations, will be speaking later in the debate. I intend also to seek an early occasion to report to Parliament, and seek the views of other parties, on the most important issue on the world's