



*“Canadians and others are becoming increasingly engaged in areas that once were the preserve of governments. We see this in everything from NGO parallel summits at major multilateral meetings in recent years to the ban the landmines campaign. We welcome this trend and have been working to increase direct stake and input of interested Canadians in the formulation and application of foreign policy. Examples of public diplomacy work to date include the establishment of the Canadian Centre for Foreign Policy Development and the National Forum on Canada’s Relations.”*

Lloyd Axworthy, Minister of Foreign Affairs to the House of Commons  
Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Trade, November 1997

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