

Each of these five -- learning, science and technology, investment, domestic markets, and trade -- is important. None is revolutionary.

What is revolutionary is the change in attitude required to build a more productive and prosperous Canada. We have to think in terms of co-operation, consultation and partnership. We have to think of the long-term.

There are no miracle solutions in these five areas. But we must work together to find lasting solutions. And that is why the Government of Canada will soon launch the Prosperity Initiative: to provide a forum in which Canadians can plan together and work together to prepare for the challenge of the global economy.

We want and need Canadians to participate in the Prosperity Initiative on many different levels.

Later today I will meet with your Board of Directors. As I said before, I look forward to an informative session with them.

Aerospace Industries Association of Canada (AIAC) members have long been involved in technology and exporting. What lessons have you learned?

But your individual companies can contribute as well. Don't leave it up to that AIAC to make your case for you. Support the points that the Directors will make today. Make sure that your companies become involved in the Prosperity Initiative.

We also want to hear from you as citizens. We want to hear from anyone who has a stake in the future prosperity of Canada -- and that includes us all.

In order to focus the discussion on how to enhance Canada's prosperity, the Government will release two papers.

The first, *Learning Well ... Living Well*, outlines some of the challenges we face in promoting continuous learning in Canada.

The second, *Prosperity Through Competitiveness*, outlines Canada's challenge in terms of five areas I have just outlined: learning, science and technology, investment, domestic markets, and trade.

Each of these areas is important to the information technology industry as a whole, and your sector in particular. Each raises questions. I want you to help me find the answer to those questions. I want you to raise more questions that concern you.