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CANADA IN THE WORLD SUMMARY

The world is changing rapidly. Influence depends increasingly on the strength of economic relations, while security issues, some of a new order, continue to challenge us. The measure of our success in this world will be our ability as a society to effectively focus our international efforts in a spirit of shared enterprise.

- Canada occupies a position of leadership among the open, advanced societies which are becoming increasingly influential as world power is dispersing and becoming more defined in economic terms.
- Canada's geographic location gives it an important advantage as new poles of political and economic power emerge in the Pacific and Latin America.
- Canada's cultural heritage gives it privileged access to the anglophone and francophone worlds as well as to the homelands of Canadians drawn from every part of the globe who make up its multicultural personality.
- Canada can further its global interests better than any other country through its active membership in key international groupings, for example, hosting the G-7 Summit this year and the APEC Summit in 1997.
- Canada's history as a non-colonizing power, champion of constructive multilateralism and effective international mediator, underpins an important and distinctive role among nations as they seek to build a new and better order.

Canada, thus, is in a privileged position to influence change and to benefit from opportunities as we move toward the end of the twentieth century. The Government will exercise that influence responsibly to protect and promote Canada's values and interests in the world.

Based on wide consultations, it is clear that Canadians want to remain actively involved in the world, although they recognize the financial constraints we face. In response to Canadians' aspirations and to meet the challenges of an evolving world, the Government will pursue foreign policy to achieve three key objectives:

- The promotion of prosperity and employment;
- The protection of our security, within a stable global framework; and
- The projection of Canadian values and culture.

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