

effort, as we did for the United Nations 50 years ago. We can draw on our expertise and our experience to develop new ideas on:

- peacemaking, peacekeeping and peacebuilding;
- arms control and disarmament;
- forms of adjudication and redress for intra-state conflicts;
- reforms of the UN's specialized economic, social and cultural agencies;
- practical measures to strengthen co-operative security organizations;
- improving multilateral development mechanisms to deal with chronic underdevelopment;
- dealing with international ecological disasters; and
- reacting to international population migrations.

This list is not exhaustive, but it is indicative of the areas where the Government believes Canada can help make a difference for the better.

Now that the Cold War is over, we must continue to bring the nations of the world together in the pursuit of peace. We must continue to work on frameworks that will enable dialogue and co-operation between nations. Let me quote the wise words of the Right Honourable Lester Pearson in his 1957 Nobel Peace Prize speech: "The best defence of peace is not power, but the removal of the causes of war, and international agreements which will put peace on a stronger foundation than the terror of destruction."

Canada's Place in the World

Canada must review its geographic priorities in this new international context.

The end of a world divided into two camps and the emergence of new economic powers have contributed to the development of regional groups. Regional institutions can benefit the international system in many ways. They are sometimes the best tool for economic development and mediation.

We hope the growing power of certain countries will give them the necessary confidence and determination to promote co-operation between regions on a large number of international issues. We wish to establish strong ties that would enable us to initiate open and honest dialogue on our economic, social and political concerns, and on human rights.

However, these regions may form hostile and aggressive blocs. Canada has much to contribute in avoiding such a development. Canadians know the importance of dialogue and co-operation. The Government is determined to help the countries of the world to adopt this course.