

I take tremendous satisfaction in finding that one of my very first duties as Canadian foreign minister is to attend a meeting of the North Atlantic Council. I have a number of reasons for this. To begin with, let me reaffirm that Canada continues to place great importance on co-operation with its NATO [North Atlantic Treaty Organization] allies for the purpose of strengthening transatlantic and European security. Secondly, in the face of the complex and multidimensional threats to our security, we feel that multilateral co-operation is the most effective, if not the ultimate, solution. Finally, NATO, an alliance in terms of its political and military dimensions, can contribute decisively toward guaranteeing our common security, both through direct action and through association with the United Nations [UN] and the CSCE [Conference on Security and Co-operation in Europe]. In fact, these elements and our viewpoints on a certain number of key points on this meeting's agenda will be looked at in the review of foreign and defence policy planned by the new Government of Canada in the coming months.

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UPCOMING EVENTS:

September 21-December, 1993: 48th United Nations General Assembly (New York)

January 10 1994: NATO Summit (Brussels)

March 1994: Inter-American Development Bank Annual Meeting (Guadalajara)

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