

In closing, Mr. Speaker, let me say that our country's foreign policy is a source of pride to all Canadians. Our foreign policy aims to bring people together, to dialogue, to build bridges, and to form ties. We must involve the people of Canada and their parliamentarians, non-governmental organizations, universities and cultural groups in the development of foreign policy, if it is to meet their expectations.

The policy that I am unveiling today takes this into account. It is innovative in its receptivity to input from Canadians and from Parliament, and depends on their continued support. It is innovative in its objectives, which are more sharply focussed than before. Economic and trade factors have a primary place in it. Risks to security are looked at in a broad perspective. And it clearly sets out the particular importance given to the promotion of Canadian culture and values.

I conclude by again thanking the Joint Committee for its excellent work, and with the hope that the already well-established dialogue among the Government, the people of Canada and Parliament will continue to bear fruit.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.