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Dear Co-Chairs:

We are pleased to forward to you, in the attached document, the Government's comprehensive response to each recommendation of the Report of the Special Joint Committee reviewing Canadian Foreign Policy entitled *Canada's Foreign Policy: Principles and Priorities for the Future*.

On behalf of the Government, we would like to express our appreciation for your work and that of the Special Joint Committee in producing such a substantive and thoughtful report. Your observations and recommendations have been thoroughly reviewed by the Government and have contributed significantly to shaping the Government's *Foreign Policy Statement*, which is also enclosed with this letter. The Government looks forward to an even closer working relationship with Parliament in months and years ahead to ensure that policy formulation continues to receive public input and that the implementation of foreign policy is subject to ongoing assessment.

As you will note, the Government agrees with the main directions advanced in your report to guide Canadian Foreign Policy. Moreover, the Government agrees with the overwhelming majority of your many useful recommendations.

The Government shares the Committee's assessment of the growing importance of international affairs to the daily well-being of Canadians. Foreign affairs are more and more the concern of all Canadians, as expressed individually or through partners such as the provinces, the private sector, NGOs and other Canadian institutions.

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