

Looking Ahead

The time has come for us all to work together in the search for creative and innovative tools for establishing sustainable peace and strengthening human security. All governments need to do more and Canada invites the international community, multilateral institutions, NGOs and other elements of civil society to join with us in searching for, and in developing, the instruments of sustainable peace.

We will achieve this by working together and by strengthening the UN's capacity to prevent conflict, respond rapidly when conflict erupts and provide post-conflict peacebuilding instruments. We must find additional ways to enhance the UN's international peace and security role, including strengthening its human security agenda. Making



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peace, maintaining peace and building sustainable peace must be understood not as three separate elements, but as the three vital and interdependent components of the same mission — that of eliminating violent conflict and building lasting peace in all societies.

In this new endeavour, Canada is committed to playing a leading role, just as we did more than 40 years ago when Lester B. Pearson promoted the concept of Peacekeeping. Because of peacekeeping missions, millions of lives have been spared over the last four decades. Peacebuilding will be the primary tool to ensure that not only lives are saved, but that safeguarding human security becomes a priority for the new millennium.