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The Canadian Minister of Defence, the Hon. David Collette, and his Dutch counterpart, Joris Voorhoeve, were the speakers at the fifth lecture in 1995. This lecture was the closing session of a day-long conference on NATO's new roles and missions, organized by the Netherlands Atlantic Commission on November 27. The speakers addressed the theme, "*Security Policy Towards the Year 2000*".

Mr. Collette focussed on international security issues faced by NATO in relation to North America and Western Europe, and formulated concrete proposals to reform the institutional foundations of collective defence and security. Mr. Voorhoeve addressed security problems outside the NATO area, such as humanitarian aid and UN reform. He noted that The Netherlands and Canada agree on the need to improve the UN's rapid reaction capability.

The lecture proceedings will be published in 1996.

Impact / relevance

The Netherlands-Canada 1995 Distinguished Lecture Series was highly successful in bringing to public attention important subject areas in international relations of great relevance today to Dutch and Canadians. The Series has accentuated the relevance and the potential of the current relationship between the two countries and also, in the process, forged strong links with major Dutch learned institutes.

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