

tied to rules-based regime. But necessity is also enlightened self-interest. Canada can only prosper and be secure in a world where our deeply held values of respect for fundamental human rights, good governance, equity, and tolerance are widely respected. Canada therefore has a fundamental stake in the family of international and regional institutions that promote sustainable prosperity, equity, good governance, respect for human rights, and tolerance of diversity. Precisely because international institutions are so important to Canada, the Forum overwhelmingly endorsed the importance of focused and performance-based support.

A second broad theme overwhelmingly supported by members of the Forum is the imperative of civilian involvement in Canadian participation in international institutions. Members recommended that "civilian" peacekeeping become a priority for Canada, that small and medium-sized enterprises be given better access to global rules and institutions, that Canadians join in multilateral development pacts with the poorest peoples, that they participate in annual global meetings that parallel those of international organizations, and that they participate directly in cultural and educational exports and in the projection of Canadian values abroad. Canadians bring experience and resources that make them natural partners as more and more Canadians become engaged in global society. Government-society partnerships are