

Over the coming year, you'll see a new commitment on Canada's part to reach out to our partners in the Americas.

Our focus is cooperation to make our hemisphere stronger—politically, socially and economically.

**Conclusion: Setting an example**

We all recognize that there are countries attempting to slow—or resist—globalization and international cooperation.

Canada believes that we can set an example. We have a chance to prove that cooperation is the best path to prosperity, the best path to opportunity, and the best path to the reduction of poverty.

We need to move on a number of fronts. We need a vigorous program of development assistance. And we need to promote democracy, human rights and the rule of law.

Canada believes that the countries of the Americas can be more than the sum of our individual parts.

Let's look to our future not through the narrow lens of nationalism. Let's take a wider hemispheric perspective.

Let's recognize that the road ahead will be bumpy. But we should commit to the journey. Consistently and persistently, let's move forward, one step at a time.

Canada is committed. We are committed to putting the Americas on a successful trajectory for the future—a trajectory toward a safe, prosperous and secure future for individuals, families and communities throughout the Hemisphere.

Thank you.