

regarded internationally that foreigners observing our unity debate can only shake their heads in amazement at what we are risking.

Canada has traditionally been one of the most prosperous countries in the world. At a time of rapid change around the world, the structure of our country and of its institutions has to develop in a way that will help us maintain and improve our high standard of living. The renewal of Canada, as set out in the Charlottetown agreement, will enable us to achieve these objectives.

The agreement seeks to secure that high standard of living by reforming and improving our political institutions so that they will work as well in the future as they have in the past.

Indeed, Canada's traditional stability attests to the political arrangements and institutions that have served the interests of Canadians in the past. As a united country we have achieved a proud economic record, a record that gives us every reason to feel confident about our future together.

Let us open our eyes and realize how fortunate we are to be Canadians. In closing, let me say that the decision you make on the 26th will be crucial. Do not take it lightly. For me, the choice is clear. I am voting for the future, and the future begins with a "yes."

Thank you.