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and its people in the world. Work has been proceeding for several years to implement this policy and progress has been made in a number of directions, notably with Japan, with the developing countries and, of particular interest to us today, with Europe.

Please do not misunderstand me. We do not claim to have reinvented the wheel. Canadian relations with Europe have been strong and important for a long time. This continues today.

Take security. We are partners within the North Atlantic Alliance of eight of the nine members of the EC and our recent decision to upgrade our contribution to NATO is a confirmation of our strategic and other interests in Europe. We are also involved with our European allies in major efforts to promote *détente* and security in the world. We co-operated with them during the Conference on Security [and Co-operation] in Europe and joined them in signing the Helsinki Declaration. We are in close touch with them to achieve, if we can, a greater degree of security through mutual and balanced reductions in forces in Europe. We realize also that, if economic and other relations can be developed with socialist countries on a mutually-acceptable basis, this may enhance the prospects of peace and reduce the risks of military confrontation.

Similarly, in the economic field, we are already closely associated with Europe, as with others, in efforts to promote global arrangements in the trading, the energy, the monetary fields that could, *inter alia*, have a direct and substantial effect, a stimulating effect, on our relations with Europe -- for instance, in the multilateral trade negotiations in Geneva, in the monetary discussions in the IMF, in the Conference on International Economic Co-operation, in the United Nations and the OECD. What we and the Europeans and others aim to achieve to improve our relations with the Third World -- to create a more stable and an expanding as well as a more equitable economy in the world -- should also have a stimulating effect on our relations with Europe.

As you can see, at the multinational level we are working closely with the EC and EC members in a variety of fields (I have just mentioned a few) to achieve objectives that will result in an expansion of our relations with Europe. This is only part of the picture. We should bear in mind that, for many years in the past and perhaps for many years in the future, the bulk of our relations with Europe will be found in the bilateral sector -- that is, in the field of our substantial and growing and excellent direct relations with individual European countries. With most of these countries, in very many fields, our relations are close, as effective as we have been able to make them. We have promoted visits, minis-

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