

We want to play a positive, realistic role in the affairs of an increasingly interdependent world.

With our neighbors and friends, the United States and Mexico, we share the riches and the resources of a continent.

With the countries of Central and South America and the Caribbean, we comprise the Americas, nearly one-fourth of the membership of the United Nations.

We place great importance in our membership in the Commonwealth, that remarkable family of nations; and in la Francophonie, that new family of nations.

These organizations represent more than our heritage from our mother countries of Britain and France. They also represent our national duality.

We have an immense partnership with the United States, enriched by shared values and common endeavours.

We have worked hard in the United Nations and other international organizations. We've earned our credentials around the world by what we stand for in the world.

We play an active role in the efforts of international financial organizations, the international monetary fund, the World Bank, the Inter-American Development Bank, and the Caribbean Development Bank to foster economic development and to create an atmosphere of understanding on the external debt issue that is so crucial in our hemisphere.

We are a member of the Atlantic community.