

The next few months and years will be critical. That is for two reasons. One is the wide recognition that it is urgent to act together to protect the environment. The other is that this is an unusually co-operative time in international affairs. The UN enjoys renewed prestige. The superpowers have begun to work together. New trading arrangements have lifted horizons, in Europe, with our own Free Trade Agreement, and in the MTN.

Those circumstances create a special responsibility for Canada. We have good credentials internationally, and on the environment, and we are determined to put that combination to work.