

pace of change in the world has made it essential to have much greater communication and interaction between nations. Coping with the implications of change in the international community will challenge statesmen around the world in the coming years. Many economic, social and technological developments affecting us all will need to be examined in a much broader context than the purely national, or indeed the bilateral, and in a much more compressed "time-frame" than has been required in the past. The fundamental problems of population, food, inflation, energy and the interrelated political and social consequences associated with global economic disparities are international in their scope and complexity and soluble only through international co-operation. In the perspective of Canada/United States relations, this calls for breadth of vision in our respective policy-making.

Canada and the United States are among those nations in a position to contribute to the process of finding answers to these world problems. We are both already very much involved in international organizations and conferences which have begun to seek workable solutions. In making a contribution, we sometimes work in concert, sometimes separately. The fact remains, as we both become increasingly involved in attempts to resolve multilateral problems, our general relations are given greater dimension. Multilateral problems will more and more come to demand the focused attention of both governments. Nonetheless, the strictly bilateral content of our relations will continue to be of fundamental importance. This evolution, or maturing if you will, of the Canada/U.S. relationship will thus require an appreciation of the fine balance between the bilateral and multilateral aspects of our relations. The successful management of this even more complex relationship will demand at once vigilance and imagination by Canadian and American statesmen alike. Vigilance -- in continuing to uphold our respective national interests; imagination -- in responding to the imperatives of global interdependence. I am confident that we shall measure up.

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