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MODERATOR: I believe you all know Mr. Clark and Madame Vezina, Mr. Kelleher. Mr. Clark will have a short statement and then it will be thrown open to questions of all the Ministers.

CLARK: Thanks very much. I have tabled today in the House of Commons, a Green Paper entitled "Competitiveness and Security" which is the occasion and the vehicle for the first public parliamentary review of international policy in Canadian history. My colleague Flora MacDonald tried to accomplish this purpose in 1979 but you may recall that we ran out of time. We are doing it through Parliament, through a joint committee of the... a special Joint Committee of the House of Commons and the Senate because Parliament, in our view, is Canada's most important institution and represents the whole country. The paper will reflect the traditional concerns of Canadian foreign policy, concerns with regard to arms control, to international development, to relations with particular countries and regions of the world, to Canada's activity and leading role in international institutions. But there is also, as you would have seen, an untraditional element in this paper and that