
II. CHARTING THE COURSE

KEY OBJECTIVES

Drawing on broad consultations among Canadians and on its assessment of the evolving world system, the Government has identified three key objectives for its international actions in years to come:

- **The promotion of prosperity and employment;**
- **The protection of our security, within a stable global framework; and**
- **The projection of Canadian values and culture**

These key objectives are interdependent and mutually-reinforcing. They will form the core of Canadian foreign policy and will guide decisions on priorities.

- **The promotion of prosperity and employment is at the heart of the Government's agenda.** International markets present tremendous opportunities for Canadians, given the quality of our products and services. We can compete with the best in the world. In order to do so, we require a supportive domestic economic policy framework; access for our goods and services abroad; an open, fair and predictable set of rules governing trade and investment; and means to ensure that Canadian firms are able to take advantage of promising foreign market opportunities. We also wish to see other countries and regions prosper. By doing so, they will help anchor international stability and make progress towards sustainable development. Prosperity will also allow others to sustain more mature and mutually beneficial economic partnerships with Canada and to be increasingly open to our values.
- **The promotion of global peace as the key to protecting our security remains a central element of our foreign policy.** Stability and security are prerequisites for economic growth and development. However, the threats to security now are more complex than before. A whole range of issues that transcend borders - including mass migration, crime, disease, environment, overpopulation, and underdevelopment - have peace and security implications at the local, regional and, in many cases, the global level.

Our own security, including our economic security, is increasingly dependent on the security of others. More than ever, the forces of globalization, technological development and the scale of human activity reinforce our fundamental interdependence with the rest of the world. Our well-being and our national interest are inextricably