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On March 17th in Calgary, Alberta, a round table in Calgary to help develop a Canadian discussion on the Americas. Hosted by the Calgary Centre for Performing Arts, the round table was attended by a wide range of NGOs, academics, experts on the region, business people, as well as officials. It was the first in a series of planned meetings over the next two years. A Canadian conversation on issues that may deserve further public discussion and policy development attention. The meeting was broadcast live on the Internet and can be viewed in full at this address: <http://www.pacific-hydrogen.net/ccfd/invitation.htm>. The following is an integrated summary of five panel presentations that launched and informed the afternoon discussions, reports from three brainstorming sessions that followed, and notes from concluding remarks.

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Summary of Panel Presentations

The afternoon conversation was started by Steven ... Canadian Centre for Foreign Policy Development (CCFPD) ... He stressed the important role that academics, NGOs ... in shaping foreign policy and the need to broaden the policy ... traditional stakeholders - a goal to which, at Minister Arx ... dedicated. He also pointed out the importance of the Centre ... and the participation of senior Foreign Affairs officials at ... round table was to begin a conversation on hemispheric issues and to signal concerns that may deserve further public discussion and policy development attention. Key goals included identifying Canadian interests and priorities in the hemisphere and the inclusion of Canadians in the policy making process.

Following the introductory remarks, George Haynes, Assistant Deputy Minister, Americas, outlined the government's two year program of regional events. He stressed that these events will be carried out in the broader context of Canada's foreign policy objectives: 1) Canadian prosperity in a prosperous world, 2) Canadian security in a stable

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