

Looking strictly at security, in a few days I will be tabling before the United Nations General Assembly the results of a Canadian study on the establishment of a rapid reaction capability in the UN. Applying the main recommendations of this study would, in our view, result in a tangible improvement in the UN's peacekeeping performance. I invite you to read this study and promote its recommendations.

The nature of conflict has changed. Faced with threats from outside, many Francophone countries, like the rest of the world, have placed their reliance on military power for protection. These countries must now take a fresh look at the question of internal security. Order without public consent and participation is a perversion of internal stability and good governance. In my view, the absence of conflict at the expense of freedom is not true peace.

Thank you.