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Dear Ministers Axworthy and Bourdeau,

We are pleased to report to you on the results of the 1996 National Forum on Canada's International Relations.

As requested, this report presents the country-wide discussions of peacebuilding issues (Halifax, Victoria, and Quebec City) and international economic and trade policy issues (Montreal, Edmonton, and Toronto). Some participants in Winnipeg, Some participants in Quebec accepted the invitation to join a second discussion of peacebuilding issues. This report is the commitment and action of those discussions. It includes highlighted policy options and ideas for the further development of Canadian international relations policies.

On behalf of all participants we are grateful for the opportunity to undertake these informed discussions and the opportunity to contribute to foreign policy thinking and policy making. We are pleased with the new cross-Canada and more inclusive approach to the National Forum. We applaud the efforts of the Canadian Centre for Foreign Policy Development in creating a new model for public discussion and contributions to policy making and have committed ourselves to working with the Centre on the 1997 National Forum and other policy development activities.

We are also committed, as well, to policy development feedback to National Forum participants and look forward to your response to this report and future information about Peacebuilding and about Canada's international relations strategy.

Sincerely,

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