

We shall achieve our target of bringing the federal deficit down to three per cent of the Gross Domestic Product within three years, and from there to eliminating the deficit completely.

Almost a year ago, my party was elected with the mandate to concentrate on economic growth and job creation. Since then we have made real progress, working hard in co-operation with all provincial governments. Last Monday, Quebeckers voted to change their provincial government — nothing more. We therefore intend to stay on course in our agenda. That is the focus that the huge majority of Canadians, in all provinces, expect us to keep.

By pursuing a sound economic policy at home and a greater commitment to trade liberalization abroad, Canada is putting to work a reliable formula for sustained growth and prosperity. Ultimately, as has been reflected in UN surveys, Canadians enjoy perhaps the highest quality of life in the world, and we will do all in our power to keep it that way.

I invite you to participate in the Canadian economic renewal both by trading with us and by making productive investments in our country.

Thank you.