everything that we would like and that we must be selective. The Government, therefore, will continue to pursue the foreign policy objectives that Canadians demand, but will have to do so in a manner that reflects the need for even more financial prudence: "more effective and less costly" will have to be the watchwords guiding our approach to international relations, as it is to domestic programs. We will not do everything we have done in the past, nor shall we do things as we have done before.

## Canada's Place in the World.

- Canada occupies a position of leadership among the open, advanced societies which are becoming increasingly influential as world power is dispersing and becoming more defined in economic terms.
- Canada's geographic location gives it an important advantage as new poles of political and economic power emerge in the Pacific and Latin America.
- Canada's cultural heritage gives it privileged access to the anglophone and francophone worlds as well as to the homelands of Canadians drawn from every part of the globe who make up its multicultural personality.
- Canada can further its global interests better than any other country through its active membership in key international groupings, for example, hosting the G-7 Summit this year and the APEC Summit in 1997.
- Canada's history as a non-colonizing power, champion of constructive multilateralism and effective international mediator, underpins an important and distinctive role among nations as they seek to build a new and better order.

Canada, thus, is in a privileged position to influence change and to benefit from opportunities as we move toward the end of the twentieth century. The Government will exercise that influence responsibly to protect and promote Canada's values and interests in the world.

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