

- the preparation, in book form, of a selection of essays written by distinguished Canadians and dealing with the broad themes of IYP from their individual perspectives;
- a national essay competition on the theme "What is Peace and what can I do to achieve it" and a poster competition on the IYP which will be organized by the U.N. Association in Canada;
- the issuance of a commemorative stamp by Canada Post Corporation to mark IYP.

As well, other government departments will be undertaking their own programmes which are linked to the themes of IYP. For example, as part of its ongoing activities, the Department of National Defence will be highlighting the IYP in its publications, exhibitions and speaking tours. The role of the Canadian Armed Forces in contributing to peace and Canada's ongoing commitment to peacekeeping will be among the featured themes.

For many Canadians, the IYP proclamation confirmed what we had already known. It has served to remind us that peace without development is not peace, that peace without racial equality and harmony is not peace, that peace without a reasonable quality of life is not peace.

It is, therefore, the fullness of Canada's programmes -- from development assistance and active support for human rights to the protection of the environment and the promotion of a better standard of living for people across the country and, indeed, around the world -- that constitutes a meaningful contribution to peace.

The spirit, determination and commitment generated by IYP must be carried forward into the years ahead if we are to create a truly peaceful planet.

Canada and Canadians can use IYP as a catalyst in our ongoing work for peace. If we can infuse others with our hope and belief in true human security, we will have accomplished a great deal.