

in working with the Government of Quebec not in fighting with them and that today in Ottawa my colleague the Minister of International trade Mr. Kelleher, is meeting with representatives of provincial governments and territories, all interested in international trade, to set down and determine how together we can present the most effective face to the world from Canada and that not long ago, 10 days ago, when the Prime Minister of Canada and the Premier of Quebec held their first formal meeting, the Prime Minister of Canada showed the courtesy of going to Quebec for the meeting, and the Premier showed the courtesy of flying the flag of Canada for the first time in 8 years over l'Assemblée Nationale of the Province of Quebec. Those matters might seem to be simple local peculiarities of Canada but as everyone who has had to do with business relating to our country knows, one of the most important problems we have faced has been a confusion and an uncertainty about how well we pull together within our country. We are pulling together now better than we have for some long time past and I say, and Mr. Phillips and other members will nod their agreement, that we intend to maintain that pattern over the next several years.

The touchstone of the new Canadian agenda will be that we in Canada must be able and ready to compete in the world. In the past, when world economies were becoming increasingly interdependent, Canada was taking another direction. As the world grew more together we turned inward and also turned interventionist. But Canadians know we can no longer survive this way. We have to look outward, and we have to work with our world neighbours. We have to trim down our Government and we have to rev up the engines of our private sector if we are going to get our country growing again, and most of all, internally and externally we have to build bridges not barriers.

With this in mind, I have announced a major review of all of our international relations, a review which aims to engage Canadians in a debate about some vital foreign policy issues. This review is to be conducted by parliamentarians holding public hearings across the country. That is the first time in the history of Canada that that sort of undertaking, that unique idea that Canadians should have a voice and a role in their foreign policy, has occurred. But it is not intended to question such basic issues as our membership in the UN or NATO - those and others are givens. Rather, it will offer Canadians an opportunity to examine our relative place in the world - how we are doing in comparison to other nations and what we can do to improve our position. The review will concentrate, to a relatively large extent, on economic policy - which is something new for a foreign policy review.