

Message from the Minister

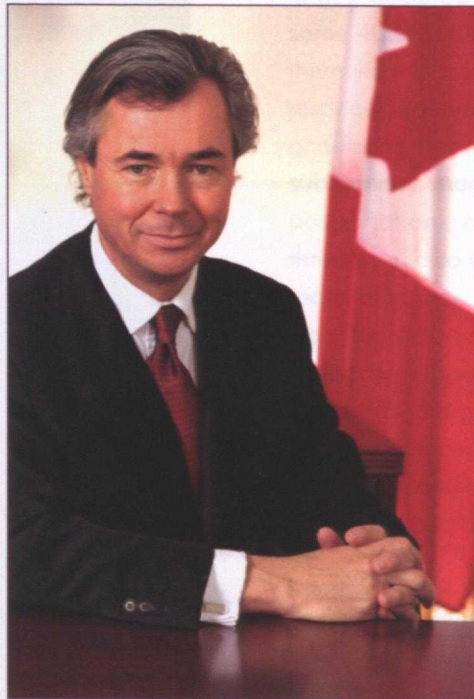
It is with great pleasure that I present to Parliament this inaugural report on Canada's participation in the *G8 Global Partnership Against the Spread of Weapons and Materials of Mass Destruction*. This initiative demonstrates what countries can accomplish when they agree to work cooperatively toward their common goal of creating a secure international environment.

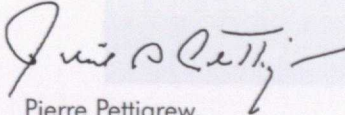
At the G8 Kananaskis Summit in 2002, Canada assumed a leadership role in creating the *G8 Global Partnership* and made a substantial commitment of up to \$1 billion over 10 years to address the threats posed by the Cold War legacy of weapons of mass destruction and related materials, initially in Russia. Making such a commitment is one thing; making good on it is another. Over the past three years, we have worked diligently and have successfully established a program—Canada's Global Partnership Program—that is making important contributions to both domestic and international security.

The Global Partnership Program is one of Canada's key security enhancement programs. These

programs, which also include the new Global Peace and Security Fund, the Landmine Action Task Force, the Counter-Terrorism Capacity Building Program, and the Human Security Program, constitute a new generation of funded mechanisms that deliver policy through direct project implementation. Together, they respond to the priorities set out in *Canada's International Policy Statement* issued in April 2005 and offer a vibrant reminder that Canada has an important role to play in international affairs.

I am especially pleased with Canada's *Global Partnership* accomplishments since Kananaskis. Starting from a nominal non-proliferation assistance program in 2002, we have been able to complete a legal framework with Russia, create a bureau to administer the Global Partnership Program, and turn our commitments into effective actions. I invite all Canadians to read this report and take pride in how we are meeting our international responsibilities.




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