

So, next week, I will be speaking at the UN on behalf of you and 26 million other Canadians to an audience that spans every corner of the globe.

I will tell them of the miracle that we have achieved over the past several centuries: how a proud and hardy people, in a tough and challenging land, found a recipe for living together in peace and prosperity.

The nations of the world will listen because Canada's voice is an important one. It is the voice of a country that the United Nations itself has determined to be the best country in the world in which to live.

That is a fact that all Canadians can be proud of, and one that we must protect not only for our own future as a nation, but for the development of peace, stability, prosperity and justice for all the peoples of the world.

Thank you.