

sovereign nationhood. We cannot afford to assume that all military threats against Canada and our international setting have disappeared forever. Canada will participate in a reinvigorated NATO, relevant to the more cooperative climate of today's Europe. Canadian troops will remain, albeit at lower levels. Canada will also continue to strengthen its transatlantic links with Europe by building up its relations with the EC, pressing for a more effective Conference on Security and Cooperation in Europe and developing closer relationships with the countries of Central and Eastern Europe. We will work to enhance cooperative security in other regions of the world in coordination with like-minded countries.

OBJECTIVES: Strengthening Cooperative Security

- Pursue improved controls on the proliferation of instruments of war and weapons of mass destruction
- Expand national and multinational capabilities to deal with non-military threats to security (e.g. environmentally-unsustainable activities, irregular migration)
- Encourage regional dialogue, cooperation and confidence-building measures
- Sustain Canadian participation in efforts to adapt security policies, strategies and institutions to new realities
- Adapt peacekeeping operations to take on broader roles
- Utilize official development assistance to alleviate poverty as one of the root causes of political instability

Peacekeeping has been a traditional source of national pride for Canadians, and we should continue our efforts in this area. The nature of what we currently know as peacekeeping may begin to change and pose further challenges to Canadians. Peacekeeping may increasingly take on functions such as electoral supervision and refugee protection which were once considered to fall under the exclusive purview of national governments.

The world already has the essential framework to contribute to a global cooperative security dialogue – the United Nations system. We need to strengthen that framework, and take advantage of the opportunity before us to develop greater respect for the rule of law and the principles of collective security enshrined in the UN Charter.