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Dear Ministers Axworthy and Boudria,

We are pleased to report to you the results of the 1996 National Forum on Canada's International Relations. As requested, the six Forum meetings across the country addressed peacebuilding issues (Halifax, Victoria and Quebec) and aspects of an international communications strategy for Canada (Edmonton and Toronto), with a policy options wrap-up meeting in Winnipeg. Some participants in Quebec accepted the invitation to look at a second issue and discussed child labour. This report is the comprehensive account of those discussions. It includes highlighted policy options and ideas for the further development of Canadian international relations policies.

On behalf of all participants we are grateful for the opportunity to undertake these informed discussions and the opportunity to contribute to foreign policy thinking and policy making. We are pleased with the new cross-Canada and more inclusive approach to the National Forum. We applaud the efforts of the Canadian Centre for Foreign Policy Development in creating a new model for public discussion and contributions to policy making and have committed ourselves to working with the Centre on the 1997 National Forum and other policy development activities.

We are committed, as well, to policy development feedback to National Forum participants and look forward to your reply to this report and future information about Peacebuilding and about Canada's International Communications Strategy.

Sincerely,

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