The decision announced in the federal government budget of February 25th, 1992 to terminate the Institute has been met with expressions of dismay from many quarters. The messages of surprise and regret have been notable especially from those in other countries who know and respect the work of the Institute; to many, its demise is clearly a significant event in their perception of Canada's international role and stature.

Finally, I thank and congratulate all those who have contributed to and participated in the work of the Institute over the past eight years. They will be proud, as I am, that they have shared in an enterprise that met its challenging goals, and brought credit to their country.

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