

ROSTAND: Mais pour l'instant, vous acceptez ce principe de l'OTAN.

CLARK: Pour l'instant, le gouvernement accepte les politiques actuelles de l'OTAN, s'il y a un changement, sera le Canada d'y participer dans une discussion d'un changement potentiel, mais nous sommes les membres d'une équipe de l'OTAN et nous devons, nous voulons faire les décisions avec les autres partenaires de l'OTAN.

MODERATOR: Pamela Wallin.

Q: Mr. Clark, much of the emphasis on this paper is trade related and much of it was dealt with extensively in a paper presented by your colleague, Mr. Kelleher. Mr. Kelleher is to make some important and crucial decisions on that much sooner than your deadline that you've imposed on this committee. Why are we going through both exercises?

CLARK: There is...as I make clear in the paper on several occasions, the fact that we are reviewing policy does not relieve us of the obligation to make policy and there are going to be a number of issues that arise, some of them in trade, some of them in other fields, where the government of Canada is going to have to make decisions so we will do that. The fact that we have to make decisions does not lessen the importance of the country having an opportunity for the first time in our history to discuss together what should be the general purposes of Canadian foreign policy including Canadian trading policy. And of course it is always possible, always possible that if there is a unanimous