

ALL PARTY DELEGATION TO THE UNITED KINGDOM TO DISCUSS PROCEDURAL REFORM. I THINK CANADIAN MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT ARE INCLINED TO VISIT FOR THE PURPOSE OF EXAMINING THE STRUCTURAL OPERATIONS OF THE BRITISH PARLIAMENT. I THINK BRITISH MEMBERS ARE MORE INCLINED TO COME TO CANADA TO OBSERVE AND DISCUSS A BROADER RANGE OF ISSUES AND THAT WAS PARTICULARLY EVIDENT WHEN THE CONSTITUTION WAS A LIVELY ISSUE. I BELIEVE THAT MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT ON BOTH SIDES AND PARTICULARLY IN CANADA OUGHT TO BE ENCOURAGED TO TAKE A VERY CLOSE INTEREST IN OUR BILATERAL RELATIONS AND TO ATTEMPT TO HELP ENRICH THAT RELATIONSHIP. WE HAVE PARLIAMENTARY ASSOCIATIONS WITH OTHER COUNTRIES INCLUDING THE USA, NONE OLDER THAN THE ASSOCIATION WITH THE UNITED KINGDOM. WE HAVE FOUND THAT WITH OTHER PARLIAMENTARY ASSOCIATES THERE IS GOOD VALUE IN FOCUSING ON BILATERAL QUESTIONS SUCH AS TRADE, INVESTMENT AND CULTURE AND SO ON.

I THINK YOU WILL AGREE THAT THERE IS A LOT GOING ON. THE RELATIONSHIP IS COMPLEX, WIDE-RANGING AND FAR FROM MORIBUND. MOREOVER, I THINK THAT THESE EXAMPLES SHOW VERY CLEARLY HOW BOTH GOVERNMENTS, FAR FROM TAKING MATTERS FOR GRANTED, WEIGH IN TO KEEP RELATIONS ON TRACK AND TO ENCOURAGE NEW POSSIBILITIES. THERE IS MUCH TO BE PLEASED ABOUT.

AT THE SAME TIME, WE MUST BE AWARE OF THE PROBLEMS THAT LIE AHEAD. IN AN INCREASINGLY COMPLEX AND DIFFICULT WORLD EVEN THE BEST OF RELATIONSHIPS ENCOUNTER DIFFICULTIES. THESE APPEAR ALL TOO OFTEN, IN THE FORM OF TRADE BARRIERS AT LEAST WE THINK THAT. I MIGHT MENTION ONE AREA -- NEWSPRINT -- WHERE OUR TRADITIONAL MARKET IN BRITAIN IS BEING THREATENED BY THE ACTIONS OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY. THE DEGREE TO WHICH WE FACE UP -- TOGETHER -- TO THIS AND TO OTHER THREATS AND CHALLENGES, THE EXTENT TO WHICH WE SEEK TO UNDERSTAND AND TAKE ACCOUNT OF EACH OTHER'S INTERESTS, WILL BE THE TRUE MEASURE OF THE STRENGTH AND VITALITY OF OUR RELATIONSHIP. WE ACKNOWLEDGE THAT CHANGE IS VERY MUCH A PART OF THE SITUATION AND NEWSPRINT, I THINK, IS AN ILLUSTRATION OF WHAT CHANGE BRINGS ABOUT AND HOW IT ADDS NEW CHALLENGES TO THE WAY WE MANAGE OUR RELATIONSHIP.

THE ECONOMIC STRESSES AND STRAINS OF TWO OIL SHOCKS AND A DEEP RECESSION HAVE EXPOSED ECONOMIC REALITIES THAT WERE MASKED BY THE GROWTH CONDITIONS OF THE SIXTIES AND EARLY SEVENTIES. THESE REALITIES REQUIRE US TO ADJUST TO VERY SIGNIFICANT CHANGES BOTH AT HOME AND IN THE WORLD ENVIRONMENT.