

Agreement. That is what we will continue to strive for, until the United States finally meets its responsibilities towards us, and towards the North American environment which we share.

The Arctic has one of the most fragile ecosystems on earth. To protect it, cooperation among Arctic Rim countries is essential. The environment will therefore continue to be a major part of our approach to circumpolar affairs.

In his address to the Bilderberg Meeting last fall Prime Minister Mulroney said of international relations: "What is needed is a global effort to re-energize the international spirit that animated the post-war world". Canada can provide some of that energy. That is why we are seeking election to the United Nations Security Council. That is why we are lending strong support to the peace process in Central America and the Middle East, and taking a lead to promote human rights in South Africa. That is why we have been working so hard for U.N. reform. The Francophone Summit in Quebec and the Commonwealth Summit in Vancouver also did much to help animate the international spirit.

Canadians are ready to advance with confidence into the 21st century. We know that interdependence among nations holds out the promise of a new world order. But getting there will be a slow and often painful process of confidence-building and consensus-building. We will have to be as persevering as we are hopeful.

A foreign policy of constructive internationalism needs the participation of Parliament and public. It needs the participation of the CIIA. All of us pulling together will give Canada a stronger voice in the world.