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structures that enable everyday violence and such extreme violence to occur.

As Members of Parliament we have a responsibility to change our society so that women may be full and equal participants.

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**FORESTRY**

**Mr. Greg Thompson (Carleton—Charlotte):** Mr. Speaker, it was with great pleasure that I learned the government of Canada has concluded negotiations with the province of New Brunswick and is now in a position to sign a new federal-provincial forestry agreement.

The forestry sector is the largest single industry in New Brunswick employing over 38,000 people both directly and indirectly. It accounts for 47 per cent of the province's total exports. This \$91 million agreement will provide the essential funding to ensure and enhance the future management of this vital resource.

The Minister of Forestry has remained steadfast in his strong commitment to forestry in New Brunswick throughout this long and involved negotiation process. I know I speak for all my colleagues, particularly the Member for Fundy—Royal and the Member for Fredericton—York—Sunbury who happens to chair the forestry subcommittee when I say how pleased I am to see that this agreement has finally been concluded.

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**VIETNAM**

**Mr. David Walker (Winnipeg North Centre):** Mr. Speaker, today in the Centre Block of the House of Commons over 100 people from the Vietnamese Canadian community are meeting to form the original chapter in Canada of the International Committee for a Free Vietnam.

Canada now has more than 120,000 people from Vietnam who have emigrated as a result of the difficulties in that country. This international committee has members not only from the Vietnamese community but also from all parties in the House of Commons and the

Senate. This Parliament is showing its support of the struggle they have with the government in Vietnam.

There are several things we think the government can do on behalf of the Vietnamese people. It can help pressure the Vietnamese government for new respect for freedom of religion for the people; new respect for the cultural traditions and the fundamental rights and freedoms of the Vietnamese people. We should request the immediate release of all political prisoners, all public servants and military personnel of the former regime and all religious ministers presently detained in re-education camps. It can help allow religious and charitable organizations to carry out relief activities directly within Vietnam in the areas of health and food assistance. It can help develop respect within that country for freedom of information for both domestic and foreign news media.

I also call upon the government to work more diligently in helping families with family reunification problems throughout the refugee camps in Asia.

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**FIREARMS CONTROL**

**Mr. Jean-Pierre Blackburn (Jonquière):** Mr. Speaker, no one could remain unmoved by the tragic events in Montreal. Fourteen young women, in the flower of their youth, killed by a maniac with a semi-automatic weapon.

Why are weapons of this kind allowed in Canada? Why do we let people own such dangerous and destructive weapons? For recreational purposes? That doesn't make sense. Protecting the public and public safety should be our prime concern. A mother doesn't let her children play with knives. She knows something might happen. She acts preventively.

I therefore urge my fellow members and my government to take action to ban the possession of such weapons in Canada.

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[*English*]

**PEARSON AIRPORT**

**Mr. Iain Angus (Thunder Bay—Atikokan):** Mr. Speaker, residents adjacent to Pearson Airport are going to be