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**The Daily: Platforms, Positions and Statements
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fédéraux principaux sur les sujets d'intérêt à l'AECEC****External Affairs/Affaires extérieures****NATO/OTAN**

CP reports that at a breakfast meeting in Ottawa, Preston Manning said that Canada should withdraw from NATO. He told the audience that the three missions of the military - protection of Canadian sovereignty, participation in NATO and peacekeeping are "too many." Manning said that he would like to reduce these missions to "one and a half:" defence of Canadian sovereignty and a more selective approach to peacekeeping. Reform press secretary Ron Wood said that this represents Manning's "orientation" and is not party policy. Manning also stated that he would like to "revisit" the helicopter contract.

CP also reported that former UN commander Major-General Lewis McKenzie is applauding Manning's call for Canada to get out of NATO. Peacekeeping, McKenzie said, is one of the country's biggest international activities, but politicians give it the lowest status when trying to attract votes.

National Citizens' Coalition

In a report on wasteful government spending designed to put "pressure ... on our elected representatives," the NCC cites the spending of \$53 million by External Affairs for a computer system "that never did work".

International Trade/Commerce extérieur

*no significant items/
aucun élément d'importance*

Other issues/Autres questions :***Deficit/Déficit***

Le ministre du Revenu, M. Garth Turner, a déclaré mardi que le déficit fédéral était plus élevé que prévu mais qu'un redressement était possible. Il a ajouté qu'il ne serait pas surpris si le déficit dépassait de trois milliards \$ les prévisions.

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