

The election of September 4th in Canada did more than elect a new Government. It expressed a clear desire to change attitudes that many Canadians had found unsatisfactory. The new Government campaigned prominently on undertakings to improve relations with the United States, and to strengthen our own economic performance.

We won a massive - and a genuinely national - victory, with equally intense support in our largest cities, and the most remote villages of the Arctic. Part of our opportunity is to act as a Government for all of Canada, expressing our Canadian identity in action, by moving the whole nation forward together. Part of our responsibility is to create conditions for permanent jobs and growth. We are a distinctive, sovereign nation, with characteristics and resources no other nation can claim. But we are also part of a very good neighbourhood, your closest neighbour, your best friend. We have a lot to do together in the next four years.