

STATEMENT

We must prevent new Bosnia-style conflicts from happening. For this, we must expand both our definition and our response to new challenges to security. There is still a need to strengthen our international institutions and arrangements. Our institutions have not proven that they can prevent the repetition of a Bosnian scenario. We must promote global order and encourage states to enter into broad frameworks which encourage peaceful cooperation. Canada is committed to reform international institutions to meet the new realities of today. Formal regional organizations, like yours, and other informal or ad hoc arrangements help to build confidence among potential adversaries. These efforts must truly be comprehensive, and address political, military, social and economic issues. But international institutions work only when countries are willing to make them work. We cannot lose sight of the fact that the continuing responsibility for the maintenance of security falls primarily on states. Each state bears first and foremost the responsibility for its own population's well-being. Each state is accountable to its entire population for its actions. That is why the best guarantees of stability - at home and abroad - are governments which have been democratically elected. Governments that are responsive to their populations. That are transparent and accountable. That respect the rule of law. That display a fundamental respect for human rights and a commitment to good governance. That are able to promote and ensure the security of their citizens. That promote tolerance, and the respect of national minorities. Because there can be no real security if there is no security for individuals. The success or failure of international security arrangements, in whatever form, is dependent on the commitment of each member state to these principles.

Notes for an Address by the Right Honourable Jean Chrétien, Prime Minister of Canada, to the Parliamentary Assembly of the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe, (Ottawa, Ontario, July 5, 1995)

GOVERNMENT OF CANADA NEWS RELEASE

Ministers Announce Faster Clearance at Airports and Border Crossings

June 29, 1995

Vancouver, June 29, 1995 National Revenue Minister David Anderson, Citizenship and Immigration Minister Sergio Marchi, and Foreign Affairs Minister André Ouellet announced CANPASS programs to streamline customs and immigration clearance for travellers at Vancouver International Airport and selected border crossings in British Columbia. The CANPASS programs are the result of the *Canada/United States of America Accord on Our Shared Border* that Prime Minister Jean Chrétien and U.S. President Bill Clinton announced in February. The Accord sets out initiatives to promote trade, tourism and travel between Canada and the U.S., as well as initiatives to strengthen the enforcement capabilities of both countries at the border. Initiatives under the Accord are also expected to reduce costs for travellers and both governments. "The Passport Office has been working closely with officials at Citizenship and Immigration Canada and Revenue Canada on an interdepartmental approach to produce travel cards for the CANPASS programs," said Mr. Ouellet. "The proposed wallet-sized travel card will reduce the waiting time at customs checkpoints for Canadians travelling between Canada and the U.S."

UPCOMING EVENTS

September 4-15: UN World Conference on Women (Beijing, China)
December 2-4: 6th Summit of La Francophonie (Cotonou, Benin)

Additional copies of the above documents that are produced by the Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade can be obtained by calling (613) 944-4000 or toll-free at 1-800-267-8376. Documents produced by other departments can be obtained by calling their respective communications divisions in Ottawa. "This Week in Trade and Foreign Policy/Le commerce et la politique étrangère cette semaine" is produced weekly by the Foreign Policy Communications Division (BCF) of the Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade.
