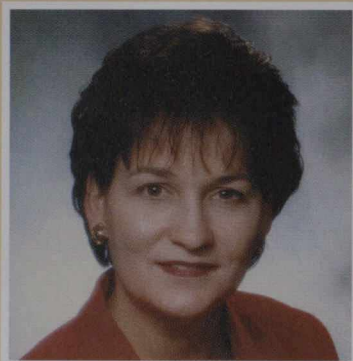


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and the Caribbean was re-affirmed last year in Quebec City, and I intend to concentrate on enhancing our political and economic ties with the region.”



Minister for International Cooperation
Susan Whelan

Susan Whelan has been appointed Minister for International Cooperation. A Member of Parliament since 1993, Ms. Whelan was Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of National Revenue and chaired the Standing Committee on Industry, Science and Technology. Her priorities are poverty reduction and good governance in developing countries: “Canada is reaching out to the world. We are putting children back into the classroom; we are

supporting women’s participation in their communities, from grassroots initiatives to governmental reform; and we are helping to fight diseases like tuberculosis, HIV/AIDS and malaria. Canada also supports peacebuilding efforts in situations of conflict, and works to protect the environment and promote economic development in poor countries. I plan to focus on strengthening the effectiveness of the aid that we deliver, particularly through donor coordination and local ownership. My other priorities include economic and social development in Africa, and long-term reconstruction efforts in Afghanistan.” *

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improve the lives of many people around the world. We have been on the Security Council six times since the UN was founded in 1945, and made significant progress on issues such as the protection of civilians in conflicts.

Canada World View: The September 11 terrorist attacks in the United States have forced Canada and the international community to take a close look at their security systems and their anti-terrorism procedures. Will this affect your foreign policy priorities?

Bill Graham: Terrorism is obviously a serious threat to democracy and world peace. We must adapt our foreign policy to take this into account. It will become increasingly

important in the years ahead to address the conditions in which terrorism flourishes, be they political, economic or other. This can only be accomplished through close cooperation with the rest of the international community.

Canada World View: Canada will host the G8 Summit on June 26 and 27, and African economic development will be a key issue. What is your perspective on the situation in Africa and Canada’s commitment to concrete action that will reduce the continent’s endemic poverty?

Bill Graham: I believe the promotion of African development is crucial. We compromise our own security if we do not address the problems afflicting that continent, starting with poverty, AIDS and armed conflict. In today’s interdependent world, disasters that strike an entire continent inevitably affect us here at home. Both our safety and our prosperity are threatened by the instability caused by long conflicts, threats to public health and recurring financial crises. *

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