

principles I have outlined and recognizes the merits of engagement and the dangers of isolation.

Napoleon said, "When China wakes up, the world will tremble." The Chinese giant is slowly awakening from its millennial sleep. As Alain Peyrefitte observed, "All of a sudden the Chinese, ever immobilized in the eternal present, have come face to face with the future."

Canada must do its part to ensure that, as it changes, China incorporates the principles of democracy, peace, security, co-operation and sustainable development that we value — not only for our sake, but for China's also. We will tremble more if we are caught unprepared, or, worse still, if China collapses.

We know that a country cannot isolate itself or hide itself. Mutual commitments and mutually beneficial relationships will bring China out of its isolation and keep it from turning inward.

Thank you.