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wide range of experience, gave advice on the broad foundations of our foreign policy.

The Government also benefited from a review of Canada's international business development programs and services. This review, led by Mr. L.R. Wilson, was focussed on ensuring that the Government's support meets the needs of Canadian business and is delivered efficiently and effectively. The Government is grateful to Mr. Wilson and to the other private sector members of his committee for the time and effort they devoted to this exercise.

Relations among societies are carried out at many levels and in many ways. Business drives our economy and that of the world. Non-governmental organizations (NGOs) are active in supporting human development and in shaping the management of the global commons and other global challenges, acting locally and internationally in pursuit of a global vision. Centres of knowledge and technology work together across borders, enriching their own societies and the international community. Individuals in their daily decisions help shape the world environment and are touched by it.

Canadians are engaged in the issues and are affected by them. That is why they should participate in policy making and that is why this Statement does not end the open policy process. It sets out the context within which Canada acts internationally, and the major objectives the Government intends to pursue in the world. The Government is pledged to continuing consultation. The role of Parliament in this effort will be key.