

Canada will provide the strongest possible support for the achievement of UN objectives, both to enforce Iraqi compliance with all of the requirements set by the Security Council Resolutions and to facilitate the implementation of the UN humanitarian program in Iraq.

In a new world order, where borders are shrinking and old maxims are falling by the wayside, the domestic and international agendas are becoming increasingly inseparable. The environment is becoming a critical international issue, and expectations are rising. Next year, in Rio de Janeiro, the UN will hold its conference on environment and development. This is an unparalleled challenge and opportunity for the international community to move co-operation to a qualitatively new level. We have high hopes that environmental concerns can be meshed more fully with development efforts and that sustainable development can assume its rightful place on the global agenda.

In turbulent times, Canada's foreign policy is anchored by political and economic relationships essential to our prosperity as an exporting nation, foremost with the United States, the Pacific and the European Community. The constructive role we play abroad, projecting Canadian values and perceptions, is derived in large measure from these strong economic links. The policies we have in place, including the Canada-U.S. Free Trade Agreement, the Canada-Japan Forum 2000 group and the Transatlantic Declaration, are intended to bolster co-operation and build on already solid foundations. If, on a bilateral basis, these interests are furthered by trade, financial and investment ties, on the multilateral side we increasingly utilize our economic weight and further our economic objectives through participation in the G-7 process, the G-24, the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT), the Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) and other international economic institutions.

One of the building blocks of our foreign policy is the system of values on which Canada has been built. It now has an increasingly important resonance in an emerging, vital international consensus, which recognizes the importance of democracy, human rights and good governance as agents of positive change. These are values that we have traditionally espoused nationally and that Canadians want to see -- and will see -- advanced in Canada's international relations.

Turbulence means unpredictability and the occasional surprise. It involves making broad strategic choices in foreign policy and tailoring specific actions in a principled but pragmatic manner to the opportunities that