

"YES" -- we will support you if you have a bad year on the farm, or in the mines, or at sea.

"YES" -- we will accept your right to speak your own language and develop your own culture.

"YES" -- we will honour our treaty obligations.

"YES" -- we will sit together and work out ways to accommodate each other's visions for Canada -- peacefully and honourably.

And this is a country that has always said "YES" to the world.

"YES" -- we will provide our brave sons and daughters to make peace and to keep the peace.

"YES" -- we will share our wealth and expertise with others who are less fortunate so that they can improve their lot.

"YES" -- we will commit ourselves to international treaties and be bound by their provisions.

"YES" -- we will take our place at the United Nations, the Commonwealth, la Francophonie, the Group of Seven Industrialized Nations, the Organization of American States, the Conference for Security and Co-operation in Europe, the North Atlantic Treaty Organization -- whenever and wherever we can be a force for peace and progress in the world.

October 26 is an important day for Canada, but it is also a very important day for the world community -- because we are, as a country, the world standard for the promotion and protection of human rights; the development of democratic values and institutions; and the provision of responsible and responsive government and public administration.

The world truly is watching Canada.

We must overcome our differences and say "YES" to Canada.

There will be no second chance. The world has become too unforgiving a place for those countries who cannot recognize their own strengths, who cannot see their own destinies.

Canada's destiny is to work for peace and prosperity throughout the world, leading by example, secure in our own values and strengths at home.

That is what Canadians meant when they said "YES" in the past, and that is what we mean when we say "YES" for the future.