

We cannot dissociate change abroad from change at home. We must show determination, imagination and courage. We are confident of success in meeting the challenges of our times.

However, we will need the support and confidence of all Canadians to meet these extraordinary challenges. We have shown our desire to solve this country's problems in a shared, open and co-operative manner. The foreign policy review process I am launching today is intended to observe these same principles.

But we do not seek to be iconoclasts, Mr. Speaker. We do not seek to overturn all the values that have guided us in conducting our foreign policy until now. We must achieve a balance between continuity and change. Many sound elements of our foreign policy remain valuable and necessary today, objectives and characteristics that have helped to define us as an independent nation in the eyes of the international community.

As we embark on this foreign policy review process, we must take heed of what has served us well, of what policies have gained us international respect and admiration: the positions we have taken and the progress we have achieved in critical areas such as peace and security, North-South relations and human rights. We can be proud of Canada's historical leadership in the international struggle against apartheid in South Africa and of Canada's vision in creating peacekeeping.

We have consistently pursued our international values and interests not through force of arms or belligerent diplomacy, but through force of reason and commitment.

We have always willingly fulfilled our responsibilities as a global citizen seeking to build international understanding through co-operative multilateralism.

We have welcomed international trade and investment rather than retrenching ourselves behind protectionism. Canada played a key role in the successful conclusion of the Uruguay Round and toward the creation of the World Trade Organization.

We will continue to build on the strong foundations of our support for peace and security, international prosperity and development, respect for human rights, democracy and good governance, the rule of law, and free trade. These elements continue to be basic objectives. While the dramatic events of recent years give us a sense of hope, modern times, unfortunately, are as dangerous as ever: the war in the Balkans is, sad to say, an all-too-obvious example.

The threats to our security are changing rapidly. We will continue to move from security structures originally designed to