

contribution towards international cooperation and development. I think we have met this challenge and even gone beyond that. At the recent United Nations sponsored Conference on Disarmament and Development it is Canada which ensured that security be defined, from now on, in terms of both disarmament and development and that development be given its broadest possible meaning.

It is, therefore, not without considerable pride that - in front of as dignified, yet as demanding a group as yours - I claim this government has defined, with the full support of the Canadian population, an active and responsible global foreign policy. This in turn has enabled us to ensure greater coherence to the conduct of our foreign policy.

I would want to put this both from the perspective of what this Government has done over the past three years and in terms of what it intends to do in future. You will forgive me, I hope, for emphasizing, in the latter respect, the delivery of aid as one of the most fundamental elements of Canada's foreign policy and, I should add, as an area for which I shoulder much of the responsibility.

Constructive internationalism has permeated every single foreign policy initiative of this government, be it the enhancement of our sovereignty and independence, the support of both national economic renewal and national reconciliation or the strengthening of multilateral cooperation.

In seeking to exercise leadership in the management of the world economy through international economic institutions, or to fight protectionism and foster the early launching of the multilateral trade negotiations, we have striven to provide Canada with a stable macroeconomic environment.

Each time we work on putting Canada-USA relations on a better footing or on strengthening relations with Pacific Rim countries, when we both reinforce our contribution to our common defence and play as we did a full part in arms control negotiations and improving East-West relations, or whenever we work towards the creation of the Francophone Summit or the strengthening of the Commonwealth, we are practicing constructive internationalism.