

addressing how Canada can best support and contribute to international efforts to prevent or resolve conflicts. For example:

- Are there ways in which we can help the international community improve its early-warning capabilities?
- What are the most effective Canadian contributions? Should we be concentrating, for example, on military tasks or on civilian activities?
- Can we better assist the United Nations in efforts to strengthen its own crisis management capabilities?

These are not theoretical questions. Our answers will affect the futures of men, women and children around the world. We must ensure that our limited resources -- political, diplomatic, civilian and military -- are used in the most effective way possible.

I would welcome your ideas.