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CANADIAN FOREIGN POLICY TO FOCUS ON JOBS, SECURITY AND VALUES

Foreign Affairs Minister André Ouellet and International Trade Minister Roy MacLaren today tabled the Government's response to recommendations made last November by the Special Joint Parliamentary Committee that reviewed Canada's foreign policy.

"The Government has set out three key objectives to guide Canada's foreign policy, which will promote prosperity and employment, protect global security and project our values and culture. These objectives match the Government's overall priority to bring sustainable economic growth and jobs to Canadians, as well as demonstrating our commitment to enhancing Canada's place and role in world affairs. We will continue our commitment to consulting the Canadian public and Parliamentarians on Canada's international relations," Mr. Ouellet said.

"We are making adjustments to Canada's foreign policy, such as in the area of trade policy and promotion, which take into account today's circumstances and tomorrow's challenges, as well as the Government's focus on jobs and economic growth," said Mr. MacLaren.

Entitled *Canada in the World*, the foreign policy statement also sets out the key principles and priorities governing the development assistance program and sharpens the focus to six priorities to guide its actions. The priorities are: basic human needs; women in development; infrastructure services; human rights, democracy and good governance; private sector development; and the environment. In addition, steps will be taken to improve co-operation between various departments and agencies involved in foreign policy development and implementation, and with the provinces in the field of trade and investment promotion.



The foreign policy statement follows a year-long consultation with Canadians on every aspect of Canada's international relations. This was done through a National Forum, five special Parliamentary debates, a Special Joint Committee of the House of Commons and Senate, a private sector study of the Government's international business development programs and services and personal round table consultations by ministers.

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