

PRIME MINISTER PAUL MARTIN'S ADDRESS WASHINGTON, D.C. APR. 29, 2004

Introduced by Lee Hamilton, President Woodrow Wilson Canada Institute, as the 21st Prime Minister of Canada, first elected to Parliament in 1988 from Montreal whose illustrious contributions as Minister of Finance until 2002 balanced the budget, gave the largest tax cut in Canadian history, created surpluses and paid down the debt.

Paul Martin entitled his remarks "Canada and the World – Building on Our Values"

Previewed his agenda for his meeting with President Bush tomorrow. Cited bi-lateral trade (softwood lumber, BSE), integration of our economies, energy and the electrical grid, environment and the top priority of providing security at home and in the world.

Stated "the ultimate right of a citizen is personal security" "Terror has no home front no over there." Is focusing on 3 levels of security: internal in Canada; with the U.S. and in the world. The Smart Border with Tom Ridge has been extremely successful and features risk management. Now wants to initiate the next level with the U.S. focusing on: Bio-Security; Food Safety and Marine Security. Stated Defense of North America is the defense of Canada. "take the fight where needed" cited the 2000 Canadian troops in Afghanistan and that he is extending the original with drawl beyond August 2004. Described plan for new military procurement to give the Canadian forces the tools they need.

Reviewed the common cause with the U.S. and the differences with the U.S. highlighting that they distinguished the 2 countries not divided the 2 countries.

Canada is forgiving Iraq \$750 million in existing debt. Discussed the challenges of globalization that leaves some behind. Cited the information revolution has and is causing tension in those countries unable to participate. World is most secure when all participate and benefit in a successful national state. Committed Canada to help develop institutions that will perpetuate not just a quick fix.

Canada believes in 3 "D's" Diplomacy, Defense and Development (Capacity building is the essence in all 3). Cited Iraq, Afghanistan, Haiti and Africa. Stated the fine line between assistance and interference stating it was multilaterally right to intervene when a county's government was hurting their own people. Stated Canada's belief in Peace, Order and Good Government reiterating that Canada has always been a mosaic not a melting pot. The Prime Minister is focusing on value driven solutions. Cited the G-20 Finance Ministers as a good model with effective peer pressure. Recommended that a G-20 Leaders group be formed for straight talk at the top not thru bureaucrats or statesmen. Suggested it select Global terrorism, Global Public Health and Agriculture as the first topics. Cited it is political will that will make the difference. Strongly wants multilateral institutional reform.

In closing reiterated Canada will protect its border and work toward a world that works.

Nancy Birdsall, President of Center for Global Development thanked the Prime Minister.

The Prime Minister was accompanied by Ambassador Kergin, Scott Brison and U.S Ambassador Cellucci. He was very warmly greeted and received a long lasting applause from the audience.

Jim Phillips