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<v SPEAKER_1>Hello again, and welcome to Global Exchange, part of the Canadian Global Affairs Institute's Podcast Network.

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<v SPEAKER_1>I'm your host Colin Robertson.

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<v SPEAKER_1>On this episode, recorded on January 23rd, we speak with Howard Balloch, Paul Meyer, Mark Norman and Vincent Rigby about Canada and the world.

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<v SPEAKER_1>A career Foreign Service Officer, Howard Balloch, has extensive Indo-Pacific experience, public and private, that also includes service as Canada's ambassador to Beijing.

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<v SPEAKER_1>A career Foreign Service Officer, Paul Meyer is a Fellow in International Security and Adjunct Professor of International Studies at Simon Fraser University and a Director of the Canadian Pugwash Group.

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<v SPEAKER_1>A career Naval Officer, Mark Norman served as Commander of the Royal Canadian Navy and Vice-Chief of the Defence Staff.

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<v SPEAKER_1>A former National Security and Intelligence Advisor to the Prime Minister, Vincent Rigby is Slater Family Professor of Practice at McGill's Max Bell School of Public Policy.

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<v SPEAKER_1>Welcome all.

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<v SPEAKER_2>Thanks for having me.

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<v SPEAKER_1>Thank you.

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<v SPEAKER_1>I should also add that Mark Vincent and I are also members of the Canada US.

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<v SPEAKER_1>Expert Group sponsored by Carleton's Norman Peterson School of International Affairs and the School of Public Policy at the

University of Calgary as well as CGAI.

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<v SPEAKER_1>For listeners, in recent days, Prime Minister Carney has renewed the strategic partnership with China to include access for agricultural goods to the world's second largest market and access for Chinese electric vehicles to Canada.

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<v SPEAKER_1>He also gave a landmark speech in Davos on the need for middle powers to refashion multilateralism in face of the rupture in our rules-based order, as he puts it.

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<v SPEAKER_1>Mr.

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<v SPEAKER_1>Trump, who for now appears to have abandoned plans to an ex-Greenland, did not like Mr.

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<v SPEAKER_1>Carney's Davos speech, and has revoked his invitation to Mr.

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<v SPEAKER_1>Trump's proposed Board of Peace.

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<v SPEAKER_1>On return to Canada, Prime Minister Carney gave another speech on unity and the need for economic renewal to preserve our security in Quebec City.

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<v SPEAKER_1>Like others describing this week, I'm reminded of the phrase attributed to Lenin.

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<v SPEAKER_1>There are decades when nothing happens, and there are weeks when decades happen.

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<v SPEAKER_1>All these events have implications for Canadian foreign and domestic policy in the promised national security strategy.

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<v SPEAKER_1>So let's get started.

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<v SPEAKER_1>Howard, I'm going to start with you and China.

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<v SPEAKER_1>Where are we at, and what do we and the Chinese need to do to make the partnership, strategic, as the Prime Minister puts it, work given national security guardrails and selective engagement?

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<v SPEAKER_3>Thanks, Colin.

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<v SPEAKER_3>It indeed has been a week full of decades.

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<v SPEAKER_3>It is, I must say, very refreshing to see Mr.

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<v SPEAKER_3>Carney, Prime Minister Carney, approach foreign policy pragmatically and return to the pursuit primarily of Canadian interests.

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<v SPEAKER_3>And on the basis of those Canadian interests and Chinese interests, there's a huge amount of room for expanding the Canada-China relationship.

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<v SPEAKER_3>A strategic partnership doesn't mean quite what it might have meant at another time, where you're strategic partners.

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<v SPEAKER_3>But in terms of satisfying certain elements of the international strategy of both countries, there's a lot of room.

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<v SPEAKER_3>China is what it is.

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<v SPEAKER_3>And in using a quote that Mr.

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<v SPEAKER_3>Carney used, which is, we have to work with the world as it is and not as we wish it to be, to approach China as a rising power, as a risen power in many ways, provides us a lot of potential opportunities in terms of the capital that it's going to export, in terms of the technologies that it's going to export, the demand that it has for some of what we do and some of the resources we have.

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<v SPEAKER_3>Of course, concerns raised with respect to some of what it does internationally.

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<v SPEAKER_3>But I think we also have to recognize that some of the things that we don't need to care about in the way that the United States cares about it.

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<v SPEAKER_3>We're not interested in preventing China's rise.

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<v SPEAKER_3>It doesn't matter to us that it becomes a global power of equal weight or almost equal weight to the United States.

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<v SPEAKER_3>What matters to us is that it doesn't interfere in our society, in the ways that it has in the past, and that we can have an interest-based relationship with it.

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<v SPEAKER_3>I can expand on that, but I don't want to go too far until we get into a deeper conversation about it.

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<v SPEAKER_3>But I think there's an enormous amount of possibility there, and as long as we approach it with our eyes wide open, that we deal with the difficulties that we have with China quietly but firmly, that we don't excoriate them for the things that we don't like in their society, and that when they do cross lines that we find unacceptable, that we do it quietly and firmly.

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<v SPEAKER_1>Good advice, Howard.

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<v SPEAKER_1>We'll come back to this when we talk about the Carney doctrine, as some have termed it a little later on.

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<v SPEAKER_1>But I want to move now to Greenland.

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<v SPEAKER_1>Paul, you wrote a very good piece in The Globe and Mail that we should invoke NATO's Article 4 to joint consultation in the face of the Trump threat to Denmark and Greenland.

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<v SPEAKER_1>Are we out of the woods?

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<v SPEAKER_1>Can we still rely on the United States as a reliable ally?

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<v SPEAKER_4>No, I think definitely we are not out of the woods, or maybe off the ice cap might be the better reference.

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<v SPEAKER_4>And I don't think there's going to be an ally that will be relying on the United States for a long time to come.

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<v SPEAKER_4>I mean, regrettably, President Trump has damaged the credibility of the US in a really unmeasurable way.

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<v SPEAKER_4>It's something that I think will go far—the effects will go far beyond Trump's time in office.

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<v SPEAKER_4>And, at its essence, it was the shock that the alliance's leading power failed to honor the core purpose of the alliance, which is to defend the sovereign independence of its members, not to attack them.

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<v SPEAKER_4>And in this regard, I think we will have to navigate some very choppy waters over the next while in terms of sustaining as much security cooperation as we can manage, but to disabuse ourselves of assumptions about constant and friendly support from the USA.

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<v SPEAKER_1>Just to follow up, Paul, can NATO survive in its current form or what it has been?

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<v SPEAKER_4>I think it can.

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<v SPEAKER_4>I mean, you could have variations of NATO minus one, if you wish.

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<v SPEAKER_4>There are capacities for the other member states, I think, to cooperate.

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<v SPEAKER_4>I would hope it doesn't have to go down that road.

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<v SPEAKER_4>And I'm heartened a little bit by the indications from more sober constituencies in the US that they would oppose a

termination of the US membership in the alliance.

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<v SPEAKER_4>Definitely, there's no popular support for his dreams of acquisition of Trump land, in currently called Greenland.

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<v SPEAKER_4>These are wild delusions.

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<v SPEAKER_4>But yes, in short, I think there are other ways that that can be done.

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<v SPEAKER_4>I'm sure we'll refer later to the Prime Minister's speech, because in some ways, I think that was a call for the middle powers to step up in this context, where the great powers are the predatory or cannot be relied on, to be responsible, and that they should exert themselves more to ensure that essential cooperative institutions are sustained.

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<v SPEAKER_1>Thanks, Paul.

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<v SPEAKER_1>We will come back to, but I want to move to Mark now.

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<v SPEAKER_1>With the focus on Greenland, it really drives home to Canadians the importance of exercising sovereignty in our Northern Territories, something I know you've spent a lot of your career, recent time looking at.

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<v SPEAKER_1>Normally, we do this in close collaboration with the United States, our bi-national NORAD Alliance partner.

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<v SPEAKER_1>Do we need to rethink how we enforce our sovereignty in the Arctic?

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<v SPEAKER_1>And what does this mean about Golden Dome?

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<v SPEAKER_1>Mark?

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<v SPEAKER_5>Yeah, well, thanks, Colin.

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<v SPEAKER_5>So, I mean, your question is, do we need to rethink it?

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<v SPEAKER_5>Well, we should have been rethinking it for quite some time.

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<v SPEAKER_5>I think, in essence, what we have seen in the last couple of weeks, as both Howard and Paul have pointed out, it has been a complete undermining of assumptions and beliefs that have led us to where we are today.

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<v SPEAKER_5>Now, in many respects, we were slow to realize in Canada that we were not doing what we should have done.

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<v SPEAKER_5>Although President Trump's rhetoric towards Canada hits emotional touch points in most Canadians, the sad reality is that his comments with respect to our security and defence posture are accurate.

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<v SPEAKER_5>So, we were now on a path or we are now on a path where the Carney government has not only recognized but has taken some fairly unprecedented measures to try and correct what our decades of neglect with respect to not just spending.

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<v SPEAKER_5>Spending is a means to achieve an objective.

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<v SPEAKER_5>But the underlying assumption that we didn't need to worry about this because somebody else would or we believe that it wasn't really a problem.

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<v SPEAKER_5>Both of those assumptions have proven to be false.

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<v SPEAKER_5>So, we are where we are.

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<v SPEAKER_5>To paraphrase Howard's earlier comment with respect to China, we are where we are now with respect to our posture in the North and the Arctic.

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<v SPEAKER_5>We cannot compress time.

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<v SPEAKER_5>We can move with alacrity and we can move with unprecedented levels of urgency, but we can't overturn decades of neglect.

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<v SPEAKER_5>So, we are doing the right things.

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<v SPEAKER_5>We are doing them much slower than we probably should.

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<v SPEAKER_5>And I would say the good news in all of this is that if there was any doubt in the minds of people who were paying attention, the events around Greenland of the last couple of weeks have reinforced the reality that this is not a joke.

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<v SPEAKER_5>This is not some esoteric or theoretical problem that we can once again ignore, and that we need to be seized by this.

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<v SPEAKER_5>And that our allies are interested, committed, and engaged, which we have resisted to a certain degree.

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<v SPEAKER_5>Any suggestions by even our polar friends that the Arctic was anything but ours.

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<v SPEAKER_5>And this is now an opportunity, I genuinely believe, for us to be leaders in the Alliance, not just with respect to investment and innovation and ideas and commitments, but also a leader amongst the community who have shared interests in that region.

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<v SPEAKER_5>And that we can start to look at this as NATO's northern flank and arguably NATO's northwestern flank, which never really got the attention that it should have.

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<v SPEAKER_5>So those would be sort of my opening thoughts.

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<v SPEAKER_5>Thank you.

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<v SPEAKER_1>Let me push you a bit on our bi-national alliance with the United States, which has been fundamental to that.

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<v SPEAKER_1>I'm interested in where you come down, particularly, certainly my observation is how deeply interoperable our Navy is with the United States Navy.

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<v SPEAKER_1>That's been a huge asset for Canada.

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<v SPEAKER_1>And in the north, we were looking, the Americans wanted to propose Golden Dominance.

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<v SPEAKER_1>It seemed we were moving down that path.

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<v SPEAKER_1>What do you make of that continued close partnership alliance?

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<v SPEAKER_5>Yeah.

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<v SPEAKER_5>So my apologies.

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<v SPEAKER_5>I neglected to respond to that part of your question.

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<v SPEAKER_5>So absolutely.

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<v SPEAKER_5>There are historical, technical, and cultural dimensions of those interdependencies and relationships that cannot be in some respects, nor should they be changed or reversed quickly.

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<v SPEAKER_5>Some of them are problematic.

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<v SPEAKER_5>We're seeing that play out with respect to some of the public debate around which equipment we should or shouldn't buy.

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<v SPEAKER_5>Those are as much political and economic arguments as they are technical dependency arguments.

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<v SPEAKER_5>There is a underlying cultural bias within the senior

leadership of the military, but that is understandable given the history of working alongside each other for decades and generations.

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<v SPEAKER_5>But my instinct is that the professionalism of the two organizations will continue to endure not withstanding some of the tensions that we're discussing here, that boil over into the public domain.

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<v SPEAKER_5>Now, with respect to the continued participation or not, I think it's in our interest to continue to work alongside our American colleagues, particularly as it relates to an initiative like Golden Dome, which, to be honest, is no different than it was before President Trump took over his second term.

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<v SPEAKER_5>It's just got a new name, bumper sticker associated with it.

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<v SPEAKER_5>This is the ongoing modernization of what we in Canada would call continental defense, what the United States would call an extension of homeland defense with respect to missiles and other threats to their country.

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<v SPEAKER_5>So we should cooperate, we can cooperate.

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<v SPEAKER_5>I think it's in our interest to do so.

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<v SPEAKER_5>But that needs to be cooperation based on mutual respect and partnership and not cooperation based on bullying or extortion.

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<v SPEAKER_5>And so there are technical reasons why we should do this.

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<v SPEAKER_5>Commonality matters in many of these circumstances.

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<v SPEAKER_5>But commonality does not mean that everything needs to be exactly the same or that we need to be vulnerable in terms of technological dependency on the United States.

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<v SPEAKER_3>But in a sense, Mark, Mark, in a sense, that's exactly what Carney was saying.

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<v SPEAKER_3>He said, is you need a foreign policy that is, that is, that is multi-dimensional, where you cooperate with certain countries in certain ways because of certain reasons.

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<v SPEAKER_3>And obviously under underlying what you were just saying, the geographic reality of North America isn't going away.

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<v SPEAKER_3>And although we're talking about NATO and the Northwest flank and so on, NORAD has been an enormously valuable and important component.

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<v SPEAKER_3>And it is something that we should treasure in our relations with the United States.

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<v SPEAKER_3>I have in another, with another hat on, I have a lot of contact with senior American military people, especially in the Navy because of the US Navy War College.

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<v SPEAKER_3>I'm on the foundation there.

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<v SPEAKER_3>And their respect for Canada and their anticipation that Canadian cooperation with Canada will continue.

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<v SPEAKER_3>Their applause currently for our determination to pick up the slack, which we have let go over the last 25 years, is all a bedrock of one of the dimensions of our external policy.

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<v SPEAKER_3>And that is that we will, should never think that we are going to break our strategic military alliance with the United States.

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<v SPEAKER_3>There's the NATO component, and of course that is in potential jeopardy, where Trump does the things that he does.

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<v SPEAKER_3>NORAD is a vital part of all of that, and that should be protected, and I think is being protected in a very important way.

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<v SPEAKER_5>Howard's right.

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<v SPEAKER_5>I agree.

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<v SPEAKER_5>And I think the essence here, Colin, to your question, is that this is a great example of how not withstanding the pain, anguish, and extreme discomfort that we've experienced over the last few weeks, and are likely to experience for the next several months or years.

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<v SPEAKER_3>Three years.

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<v SPEAKER_5>Yeah.

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<v SPEAKER_5>Well, it could continue beyond that, depending on, you know, but this is the wake up call that we needed.

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<v SPEAKER_5>We need to take it seriously, and we need to be mindful of the shift, the rupture, as the Prime Minister has called it, by recognizing that there are things worth hanging on to for very good reasons, not for nostalgic reasons.

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<v SPEAKER_5>And I agree with the Prime Minister's language in that context.

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<v SPEAKER_5>We need to be very eyes wide open, as Howard has said.

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<v SPEAKER_5>We need to be very ruthless and logical in the choices that we make.

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<v SPEAKER_5>And I am actually encouraged by our openness in terms of acknowledging that our interests are real and they matter, and they need to be paramount in our policy decision making as we go forward.

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<v SPEAKER_2>All right.

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<v SPEAKER_1>You set the table very well, Mark, for what I want to ask Vincent now, the wake up call.

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<v SPEAKER_1>What does this all mean for the planned new national security strategy?

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<v SPEAKER_1>That will have to be quite different from what we've seen in the recent US national security strategy.

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<v SPEAKER_2>Well, without a doubt, and thanks Colin, very much for having me on the show.

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<v SPEAKER_2>Just a couple of comments on what Howard and Mark were saying.

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<v SPEAKER_2>I mean, I completely agree.

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<v SPEAKER_2>It's very tempting to throw the baby out with the bathwater here and everything that's been happening over the last number of weeks, over the last 12 months.

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<v SPEAKER_2>We've reached a departure point with the US.

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<v SPEAKER_2>It's time to move on.

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<v SPEAKER_2>We're never going to reach that departure point with the US.

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<v SPEAKER_2>We're never going to move on completely.

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<v SPEAKER_2>And I think that's what we're seeing in the Arctic right now.

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<v SPEAKER_2>By beefing up our capabilities in the Arctic, and I agree completely with Mark, this is an old story.

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<v SPEAKER_2>We've been talking about this 20, 25 years.

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<v SPEAKER_2>We've always talked a good game in terms of doing more in

the Arctic, but we haven't done anything.

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<v SPEAKER_2>But by beefing up those capabilities, by following through on a lot of the commitments that were in the defence update from a couple of years from Prime Minister Carney's pronouncements over the last year or so, it will serve to a certain extent as a deterrent to the US and being more aggressive in the Arctic, to a certain extent over time perhaps.

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<v SPEAKER_2>But also if we beef it up, beef those capabilities up, we actually provide the US with an opportunity to work with us more.

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<v SPEAKER_2>As you hear these reports coming out of Washington, Trump complaining again about we're not spending on defence, that there are vulnerabilities in the Arctic, that Canada has got to step up the game.

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<v SPEAKER_2>If we step up our game, they'll see an opportunity to work with us.

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<v SPEAKER_2>Whether it's Golden Dome or whether it's enhancing NORAD, NORAD modernization, satellite coverage, all those things, this is in our interest.

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<v SPEAKER_2>It's in our interest in terms of countering the Chinese and the Russian threat.

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<v SPEAKER_2>It's in our own national interest, but it's in our interest to send a signal to the US, be careful here, don't impinge on our sovereignty, don't start thinking of the Northwest Passage as your own personal inland lake.

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<v SPEAKER_2>But also, it's an opportunity for us to work together.

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<v SPEAKER_2>I think Trump's going to look at it and go, hey, actually, they're finally doing something.

00:21:36.980 --> 00:21:37.940
<v SPEAKER_2>Let's work more in the Arctic.

00:21:38.220 --> 00:21:40.520

<v SPEAKER_2>I think that we can get out of this in decent shape.

00:21:40.580 --> 00:21:42.540
<v SPEAKER_2>I'm not saying sunny days are ahead.

00:21:42.660 --> 00:21:44.540
<v SPEAKER_2>I agree with Mark.

00:21:44.540 --> 00:21:45.520
<v SPEAKER_2>Trump is Trump.

00:21:45.520 --> 00:21:46.880
<v SPEAKER_2>He's going to do weird stuff.

00:21:47.840 --> 00:21:49.640
<v SPEAKER_2>He's going to do weird shit.

00:21:49.640 --> 00:21:51.580
<v SPEAKER_2>So we have to be prepared.

00:21:51.580 --> 00:21:55.020
<v SPEAKER_2>But we are going to have to continue to walk that tightrope.

00:21:55.020 --> 00:22:01.620
<v SPEAKER_2>We push back when we have to, but we cooperate and work with them when it's possible, when we can.

00:22:01.620 --> 00:22:07.540
<v SPEAKER_2>On the national security strategy, what can you say?

00:22:07.540 --> 00:22:15.440
<v SPEAKER_2>Again, it's like what Mark was saying with respect to the Arctic, that we've known for a number of years now that the world has been turned upside down.

00:22:15.440 --> 00:22:28.620
<v SPEAKER_2>So even before Trump put an exclamation mark on the international security environment and the state of the relationships around the world, between the United States and allies and non-allies, we knew that there'd be a return to geosophilic rivalry.

00:22:28.880 --> 00:22:35.940
<v SPEAKER_2>We knew that there was a whole new dimension, that we'd reached an inflection point as Biden used to call it.

00:22:35.940 --> 00:22:38.920
<v SPEAKER_2>Yet we've chosen basically to sit on our hands.

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<v SPEAKER_2>It's been 22 years almost since we've had a national security policy.

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<v SPEAKER_2>I think what we're seeing now with respect to what Trump is doing is that we need one more than ever.

00:22:49.540 --> 00:23:05.720
<v SPEAKER_2>And I get a little bit upset when on the one hand, the Trudeau government came out in the 2024 defence update and said, we're going to have national security reports and statements and defence policy statements every four years.

00:23:05.720 --> 00:23:06.820
<v SPEAKER_2>So there's a commitment to do them.

00:23:07.520 --> 00:23:10.300
<v SPEAKER_2>And then we've heard nothing now for almost two years.

00:23:10.300 --> 00:23:27.160
<v SPEAKER_2>And recently we saw some reports coming out of some of the media that when Carney first came to power, that the bureaucracy was saying, listen, the world is in so much flux right now and is so unstable that now is not the time to do a national security strategy.

00:23:27.160 --> 00:23:29.040
<v SPEAKER_2>Now is the time to do one more than ever.

00:23:29.040 --> 00:23:41.240
<v SPEAKER_2>When the world is upside down, when people are running around with hair on fire, trying to figure out where to go, you need guideposts, you need signposts, you need strategies, you need guardrails, etc.

00:23:41.240 --> 00:23:42.640
<v SPEAKER_2>Carney's speech was great.

00:23:42.640 --> 00:23:44.080
<v SPEAKER_2>He's given some wonderful speeches.

00:23:44.080 --> 00:23:47.400
<v SPEAKER_2>I think this is the Prime Minister who's owning national security foreign policy.

00:23:47.400 --> 00:23:48.720
<v SPEAKER_2>It's nice to see that.

00:23:48.720 --> 00:23:50.700
<v SPEAKER_2>We haven't seen it in a long time.

00:23:50.700 --> 00:23:53.840
<v SPEAKER_2>But you still need to see some meat.

00:23:53.840 --> 00:23:56.020
<v SPEAKER_2>You need to see some flesh on the bones here.

00:23:56.020 --> 00:23:57.580
<v SPEAKER_2>That speech was great.

00:23:57.580 --> 00:23:59.400
<v SPEAKER_2>We've got to work more with other middle powers.

00:23:59.400 --> 00:24:00.820
<v SPEAKER_2>We've got whatever the term is.

00:24:00.900 --> 00:24:06.680
<v SPEAKER_2>You had a bunch of different terms and values-based pragmatism and all these great things.

00:24:06.960 --> 00:24:09.040
<v SPEAKER_2>But what are our specific objectives?

00:24:09.040 --> 00:24:10.180
<v SPEAKER_2>What are our priorities?

00:24:10.180 --> 00:24:12.280
<v SPEAKER_2>Which middle powers do we want to work with?

00:24:12.280 --> 00:24:14.060
<v SPEAKER_2>Which regions are we going to focus on?

00:24:14.060 --> 00:24:17.780
<v SPEAKER_2>What is our diversification strategy look like in detail?

00:24:17.780 --> 00:24:19.620
<v SPEAKER_2>What does strategic autonomy mean?

00:24:19.620 --> 00:24:21.500
<v SPEAKER_2>You've got to lay all that out.

00:24:21.720 --> 00:24:28.480
<v SPEAKER_2>And also not just foreign policy and defence policy, but our economic security, intelligence, broader public safety concerns.

00:24:28.480 --> 00:24:30.060
<v SPEAKER_2>There's so much out there.

00:24:30.500 --> 00:24:31.760
<v SPEAKER_2>So, we need one.

00:24:31.760 --> 00:24:33.800
<v SPEAKER_2>We need one soon.

00:24:33.800 --> 00:24:38.240
<v SPEAKER_2>And I hope we don't continue to use the excuse that the world's all over the place right now.

00:24:38.240 --> 00:24:40.220
<v SPEAKER_2>So, now's not the time to think about strategy.

00:24:40.220 --> 00:24:44.140
<v SPEAKER_2>Now is the time to think about strategy more than ever, in my view.

00:24:45.920 --> 00:24:49.340
<v SPEAKER_6>Hi, I'm Dave Perry, the President and CEO of the Canadian Global Affairs Institute.

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00:25:09.360 --> 00:25:11.680
<v SPEAKER_1>No, I think that's right.

00:25:11.680 --> 00:25:26.860
<v SPEAKER_1>Stay with me, Vincent, because we are about, once again, resume discussions with the United States on our trade relationship, with focus on the renegotiation or renewal of COSMA.

00:25:26.860 --> 00:25:31.680
<v SPEAKER_1>Where do the events of the last weeks leave us in terms of the COSMA?

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<v SPEAKER_1>You and I and Mark are all part of the Canada US Expert Group, and that's been kind of a main focus, although it's been shifted of late to the security side.

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<v SPEAKER_1>What about the implications for renegotiation of the COSMA?

00:25:44.340 --> 00:25:52.080
<v SPEAKER_2>Well, I think that's a $64,000 question, Colin, and you'll excuse me if I say I really, really don't know.

00:25:52.080 --> 00:25:57.100
<v SPEAKER_2>Nobody knows because Trump is so fundamentally unpredictable.

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<v SPEAKER_2>And so we all knew that when Carney gave that speech, we were counting the seconds until Trump fired back, and sure enough he did the next day, and now he's kicked him off his board of peace or whatever he's calling it.

00:26:10.360 --> 00:26:14.140
<v SPEAKER_2>And so we're back into a world of Trump can't stand the sight of us.

00:26:14.900 --> 00:26:20.060
<v SPEAKER_2>Canada is not appreciative, and if we weren't for the United States, we wouldn't exist.

00:26:20.060 --> 00:26:21.160
<v SPEAKER_2>So you know what?

00:26:21.160 --> 00:26:22.700
<v SPEAKER_2>To hell with you guys.

00:26:22.700 --> 00:26:24.400
<v SPEAKER_2>For today.

00:26:25.500 --> 00:26:32.660
<v SPEAKER_2>But a couple of days later, if I could just finish hard, a couple of days later, I don't know where we're going to be.

00:26:32.660 --> 00:26:39.300
<v SPEAKER_2>He is so volatile and he is so mercurial that, we already knew that Kuzma was kind of up in the air.

00:26:39.480 --> 00:26:41.540
<v SPEAKER_2>We didn't know where this was going to go.

00:26:42.140 --> 00:26:45.080
<v SPEAKER_2>This adds a whole new layer, a whole new dimension.

00:26:45.080 --> 00:26:46.680
<v SPEAKER_2>But does it mean Kuzma is dead in the water?

00:26:46.680 --> 00:26:48.800
<v SPEAKER_2>No, not at all.

00:26:49.100 --> 00:26:51.080
<v SPEAKER_2>This is life with Trump.

00:26:51.560 --> 00:26:53.000
<v SPEAKER_2>I don't know where it leads us.

00:26:53.000 --> 00:26:55.120
<v SPEAKER_2>We'll know in the coming days, coming weeks, coming months.

00:26:55.120 --> 00:26:58.900
<v SPEAKER_2>Even once he makes a decision, he could change his mind 20 minutes later.

00:26:59.540 --> 00:27:01.600
<v SPEAKER_2>This is the world we live in.

00:27:01.760 --> 00:27:06.240
<v SPEAKER_3>A lot has to do with what happens domestically in the United States, quite frankly.

00:27:06.580 --> 00:27:14.960
<v SPEAKER_3>If Trump gets weakened, if he loses the midterms or it looks like he's losing the midterms or he starts to lose the business community, you may have a different Trump.

00:27:14.960 --> 00:27:17.980
<v SPEAKER_3>I agree with everything that you just said, Vincent.

00:27:17.980 --> 00:27:23.520
<v SPEAKER_3>It's impossible to predict how Kuzma is going to go at this stage.

00:27:24.020 --> 00:27:26.360
<v SPEAKER_2>If they have midterms.

00:27:26.480 --> 00:27:28.020
<v SPEAKER_3>They'll have midterms.

00:27:28.020 --> 00:27:32.320
<v SPEAKER_2>I'm being facetious, but sometimes I'm not as facetious as I'm being.

00:27:32.320 --> 00:27:34.220
<v SPEAKER_3>I'm being hopeful.

00:27:34.220 --> 00:27:53.940
<v SPEAKER_4>If I might, I think Vincent's right about the importance though of a foreign policy and security strategy nationally developed, especially if the Prime Minister wants to take a leadership role on this new formation of this new international order.

00:27:53.940 --> 00:28:03.800
<v SPEAKER_4>I've espoused for a long time that middle powers should exert themselves more, and I think the call is out there.

00:28:03.840 --> 00:28:11.300
<v SPEAKER_4>And also a great catchy phrase, you know, middle powers have to be at the table or they are on the menu.

00:28:11.300 --> 00:28:13.440
<v SPEAKER_4>What table is he talking about?

00:28:13.440 --> 00:28:18.100
<v SPEAKER_4>And who is going to convene that table?

00:28:18.100 --> 00:28:23.600
<v SPEAKER_4>And is it going to still work within existing institutions?

00:28:23.600 --> 00:28:32.240
<v SPEAKER_4>Or is, I mean, he's talked about that they are fading in their effectiveness, but are they to be abandoned outright?

00:28:33.020 --> 00:28:41.320
<v SPEAKER_4>I would also underline that any kind of leadership on the world stage would require a real investment in our diplomatic capacity.

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<v SPEAKER_4>I don't think right now we have the bench strength to really undertake a major initiative to corral and redirect the middle powers throughout the world.

00:28:52.280 --> 00:28:57.600
<v SPEAKER_4>So it's well set out, the diagnosis is good.

00:28:57.600 --> 00:29:07.960
<v SPEAKER_4>The broad indication of treatment is fine, but there's a lot that in turn is going to have to require that I just don't see in place right now.

00:29:07.960 --> 00:29:28.180
<v SPEAKER_1>Okay, Paul, stay with me because I want to push the multilateralism and the need to refashion institutions, social, economic, defence, climate, to serve middle powers, as the Prime

Minister put it, in what some now call economy doctrine.

00:29:28.180 --> 00:29:30.000
<v SPEAKER_1>What does Canada bring to that table?

00:29:30.120 --> 00:29:33.060
<v SPEAKER_1>Your point about we don't want to be on the menu, but you got to be at the table.

00:29:33.060 --> 00:29:35.140
<v SPEAKER_1>We do, we are at the table.

00:29:35.140 --> 00:29:37.280
<v SPEAKER_1>So what is it that we bring?

00:29:38.400 --> 00:29:52.260
<v SPEAKER_4>Well, I think we have a good reception in most quarters of the world, and we have organic links to many of the middle powers that he is speaking of.

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<v SPEAKER_4>I do think the links with the EU, which have recently been increased, the Comprehensive Progressive Trans-Pacific Partnership is another vehicle.

00:30:06.760 --> 00:30:25.520
<v SPEAKER_4>The pragmatic diplomacy that was already being articulated under Madame Jolie, and reiterated now with Prime Minister Carney, means that we're now prepared to talk to states that we don't necessarily see eye to eye on, and that's an important lesson.

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<v SPEAKER_4>You just don't talk to the people you like to talk to, if you want to influence the world.

00:30:30.960 --> 00:30:34.320
<v SPEAKER_4>So, you know, those are good signs.

00:30:35.340 --> 00:30:43.240
<v SPEAKER_4>I particularly think, you know, the engagement in the Indo-Pacific, if you will, is pretty vital.

00:30:43.240 --> 00:30:54.280
<v SPEAKER_4>I'm concerned, frankly, with the undermining of reliability of the US on Japan and South Korea, and how they will perceive their future.

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<v SPEAKER_4>I also fear that it can be hard to maintain the line on nuclear proliferation in this current circumstance.

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<v SPEAKER_4>And as you probably know, Japan sits on a big stockpile of separated plutonium.

00:31:12.020 --> 00:31:16.580
<v SPEAKER_4>It wouldn't take them very long to make nuclear weapons.

00:31:16.580 --> 00:31:27.460
<v SPEAKER_4>And attitudes in South Korea are changing in my mind, the kind of detrimental direction regarding that country acquiring nuclear weapons.

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<v SPEAKER_4>And once the floodgates of nuclear proliferation are open, there will be a number of candidates who will want to step in.

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<v SPEAKER_4>And in some ways, this has particularly, I would argue the Russian invasion of Ukraine has lifted the game, the sense that, well, if I really need security for my country, I'd better acquire these nuclear weapons because they don't seem to be the only thing to deter action by predatory states.

00:31:56.820 --> 00:32:05.080
<v SPEAKER_3>You know, I think that's a mistake to think that we should be searching for a big table to complete Carney's vision here.

00:32:05.080 --> 00:32:28.760
<v SPEAKER_3>I think the only way to do it is to do it, I'm going to mix metaphors here brick by brick and have lots of tables, to have the diplomatic and political strength to go and talk to and be really engaged and to be shown to show that you're really engaged with the Koreans and the Japanese and the Australians and the Europeans on all kinds of issues.

00:32:28.760 --> 00:32:30.620
<v SPEAKER_3>It means a dozen tables.

00:32:30.620 --> 00:32:34.660
<v SPEAKER_3>It's a lot of work to build that kind of network.

00:32:34.660 --> 00:32:48.640
<v SPEAKER_3>It's not going to be, I mean, Trump is trying to replace the UN with his ridiculous Board of Peace and I'm thrilled that Carney was disinvited and I'm sure we're going to see no major European power now go on it.

00:32:49.280 --> 00:33:00.620
<v SPEAKER_3>But building anything that's going to buttress the United

Nations or supplement it in a positive way is going to take dozens of tables on all sorts of issues.

00:33:00.620 --> 00:33:01.920
<v SPEAKER_3>And that's hard work.

00:33:01.920 --> 00:33:03.240
<v SPEAKER_3>And it's going to take time.

00:33:03.240 --> 00:33:05.860
<v SPEAKER_2>But if I can jump in, let's be careful.

00:33:06.260 --> 00:33:09.760
<v SPEAKER_2>And the perennial problem for Canada in the past is being we want to be at every single table.

00:33:10.140 --> 00:33:12.700
<v SPEAKER_2>We want to be involved in every single conversation.

00:33:12.700 --> 00:33:20.080
<v SPEAKER_2>One of the things that I thought was interesting in the Carney speech was he said, listen, we're going to build coalitions as required to deal with specific issues.

00:33:20.080 --> 00:33:21.300
<v SPEAKER_2>What are those issues?

00:33:21.300 --> 00:33:23.540
<v SPEAKER_2>What are the issues that are truly important to Canada?

00:33:23.540 --> 00:33:25.020
<v SPEAKER_2>We don't need to be at every table.

00:33:25.020 --> 00:33:27.500
<v SPEAKER_2>We don't need to be involved in every single issue.

00:33:27.500 --> 00:33:30.220
<v SPEAKER_2>But what, and this is where you need a national security strategy.

00:33:30.220 --> 00:33:31.620
<v SPEAKER_2>I mean, sure, events are going to be events.

00:33:31.620 --> 00:33:33.860
<v SPEAKER_2>You're going to be pulled into stuff that you didn't expect.

00:33:33.860 --> 00:33:39.460
<v SPEAKER_2>But what are the top four or five issues that we want to play on at the end of the day?

00:33:39.460 --> 00:33:43.580
<v SPEAKER_2>And may well be, Paul, disarmament, nuclear issues.

00:33:43.780 --> 00:33:45.380
<v SPEAKER_2>We've had experience in that field in the past.

00:33:45.460 --> 00:33:48.200
<v SPEAKER_2>Maybe we want to play a more prominent role in the future.

00:33:48.200 --> 00:33:54.520
<v SPEAKER_2>But I think one of the great things about Carney is that he's being very pragmatic, and he's saying, listen, we're our national interests at stake.

00:33:54.520 --> 00:34:00.920
<v SPEAKER_2>We're going to wade in, but we're not going to be all things to all people going into every single bloody region in the world.

00:34:00.920 --> 00:34:03.900
<v SPEAKER_2>I mean, I think we're in Europe and we're in the Indo-Pacific.

00:34:03.900 --> 00:34:07.340
<v SPEAKER_2>But how are we going to play in those two regions in particular?

00:34:07.340 --> 00:34:11.520
<v SPEAKER_2>I mean, is there Indo-Pacific strategy even extant anymore?

00:34:11.520 --> 00:34:15.480
<v SPEAKER_2>I mean, it sounds like it's going to be blown out of the water, especially given what we're doing with China.

00:34:15.480 --> 00:34:18.540
<v SPEAKER_2>So what are the issues that we really need to focus on?

00:34:18.540 --> 00:34:20.440
<v SPEAKER_2>We don't need to be at every table.

00:34:20.440 --> 00:34:21.380
<v SPEAKER_1>Mark, one of those tables-

00:34:21.380 --> 00:34:24.820
<v SPEAKER_3>Vincent, your point about being focused on interest is really important.

00:34:24.820 --> 00:34:25.560
<v SPEAKER_1>Yeah.

00:34:25.560 --> 00:34:30.300
<v SPEAKER_1>Howard, I want to move to Mark because when you talk about tables, military is going to be one of those tables.

00:34:30.300 --> 00:34:36.980
<v SPEAKER_1>What is it that we bring in terms of Canadian military defense experience to a table?

00:34:36.980 --> 00:34:37.300
<v SPEAKER_5>Yeah.

00:34:37.300 --> 00:34:47.980
<v SPEAKER_5>So I'm just going to answer that by picking up on the exchange between Howard and Vince, who actually were far more aligned than maybe listeners think.

00:34:47.980 --> 00:35:02.960
<v SPEAKER_5>Because really what we're saying is and picking up on the theme that, I guess if I can mix metaphors now and quotes, tables if necessary but not necessarily all tables.

00:35:02.960 --> 00:35:18.520
<v SPEAKER_5>So this is all about identifying those areas where there is a priority interest and we can be useful and useful beyond participation to Vince's point.

00:35:18.520 --> 00:35:21.060
<v SPEAKER_5>So where does the military play in that?

00:35:21.060 --> 00:35:32.460
<v SPEAKER_5>It's a great question and I think in many respects, it's about as a bit of a bridge and so it depends.

00:35:32.460 --> 00:35:36.280
<v SPEAKER_5>It depends on which group and what their interests are.

00:35:36.960 --> 00:35:54.780
<v SPEAKER_5>If you're looking at either a structured alliance or an informal arrangement that is concerned about the actions of a large belligerent neighbor, then you're there to demonstrate a degree of reassurance and support.

00:35:56.060 --> 00:36:10.300
<v SPEAKER_5>We bring a level of professionalism that has taken a bit of a hit recently due to a variety of reasons which are not the institution's fault in and of itself.

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<v SPEAKER_5>But we are very well trained, very highly regarded.

00:36:15.940 --> 00:36:24.040
<v SPEAKER_5>We come from a country that has, doesn't have colonial baggage.

00:36:24.040 --> 00:36:32.200
<v SPEAKER_5>All of those things that would be useful foreign policy advantages extend to the military.

00:36:33.740 --> 00:36:45.620
<v SPEAKER_5>We are compared to many small mid-sized militaries, extremely well equipped.

00:36:45.620 --> 00:36:49.000
<v SPEAKER_5>I don't say, I'm saying that with a bit of a chuckle.

00:36:49.000 --> 00:36:56.240
<v SPEAKER_5>By that, I mean, from a modern equipment perspective, we are digitally enabled.

00:36:56.240 --> 00:37:03.100
<v SPEAKER_5>We understand those types of complexities in the battle space.

00:37:05.440 --> 00:37:12.420
<v SPEAKER_5>We tend to be less judgmental than others when it comes to working with coalitions.

00:37:12.420 --> 00:37:15.920
<v SPEAKER_5>Everybody brings something to the fight, so to speak.

00:37:15.920 --> 00:37:29.220
<v SPEAKER_5>So there's a lot of direct military interpretations of broader principles of, you know, what defines us as Canadians that are attractive.

00:37:31.100 --> 00:38:04.620
<v SPEAKER_5>And because we are part of NATO and because we have those historic linkages to the United States from a cultural perspective, from a doctrine perspective, from an operational integration perspective, those things bring enormous value when we're engaging with others who don't have the same degree of, I'll use the word privilege, not to be provocative, but to give you a sense of where we're coming from.

00:38:04.620 --> 00:38:12.540
<v SPEAKER_5>And we can help bring others up in those various areas that I was referring to.

00:38:12.580 --> 00:38:13.340
<v SPEAKER_1>Thanks, Mark.

00:38:13.340 --> 00:38:14.520
<v SPEAKER_1>Very useful.

00:38:14.540 --> 00:38:15.320
<v SPEAKER_1>Useful.

00:38:15.320 --> 00:38:15.660
<v SPEAKER_1>All right.

00:38:15.660 --> 00:38:21.260
<v SPEAKER_1>My last question before I ask you all what you're reading or streaming, and I'm going to start with you on this one, Paul.

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<v SPEAKER_1>If you get into an elevator and Prime Minister Carney steps in and he turns to you and says, what's the one thing I need to do in the coming months?

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<v SPEAKER_1>Domestic, foreign.

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<v SPEAKER_1>What do you think?

00:38:31.400 --> 00:38:33.520
<v SPEAKER_1>What are you going to tell him?

00:38:33.520 --> 00:38:39.940
<v SPEAKER_4>Well, on the foreign side, I'd say following up on that impressive speech at Davos.

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<v SPEAKER_4>I mean, when was the last time you had a Canadian Prime Minister referencing Thucydides and Latso Habbo in a report and a speech?

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<v SPEAKER_4>It's to build a coalition, you know, that you've called for the middle power to get organized.

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<v SPEAKER_4>Well, you can't do that on your own.

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<v SPEAKER_4>You have to build a coalition to have any impact on the world order.

00:39:06.040 --> 00:39:07.160
<v SPEAKER_4>So that would be my pitch.

00:39:07.820 --> 00:39:12.980
<v SPEAKER_1>Okay, lead Canada a leader, which is something he said that if the US won't, we will.

00:39:12.980 --> 00:39:14.820
<v SPEAKER_1>Mark, what would you tell him?

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<v SPEAKER_5>I would say keep doing what you're doing, boss.

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<v SPEAKER_5>To be honest, and I'm not blowing smoke here, you all know me, I'm not a political entity, but he is navigating some very, very rough and shaky waters here, or dangerous waters.

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<v SPEAKER_5>And, you know, it's going to be criticized on either side, you know, too much rhetoric, not enough substance, okay, that, yeah, that's fair.

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<v SPEAKER_5>However, when you're dealing with things, what you're happening on a week to week and almost day to day basis, it's pretty hard to have substantial plans for every possible course of action in your back pocket.

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<v SPEAKER_5>And so, yeah, stay the course.

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<v SPEAKER_5>And we need to really start leaning into what I would call the dirty and hard work that he has warned us is coming.

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<v SPEAKER_5>And all of us on this call understand the various dimensions of that.

00:40:24.380 --> 00:40:25.980
<v SPEAKER_5>And Vince has talked about some of it.

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<v SPEAKER_5>But we need to start really doing the heavy lifting to deliver on the intent and direction that he's been laying out for us.

00:40:37.260 --> 00:40:38.540
<v SPEAKER_1>Okay, stay the course.

00:40:38.540 --> 00:40:39.960
<v SPEAKER_1>Vince, what would you tell him?

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<v SPEAKER_2>Well, I think building on what Mark just said in terms of doing the heavy lifting, my number one piece of advice was put together a national security strategy on an expedited basis.

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<v SPEAKER_2>And that pulls together all the levers of national power, not just in terms of pure traditional security, but economic leverages, domestic, international.

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<v SPEAKER_2>Pull that all together in a strategy and that'll put meat on the bones.

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<v SPEAKER_2>I think I agree to stay the course.

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<v SPEAKER_2>I think he's moving in the right direction, but he needs to put this into one coherent strategy to move it ahead.

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<v SPEAKER_2>And then as a 1.5, this part of that, domestically and internationally, focus on the Arctic.

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<v SPEAKER_2>I think that's where we can really, really have some leverage.

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<v SPEAKER_2>That's where our national interests lie.

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<v SPEAKER_2>We've got all kinds of things we need to do domestically and internationally.

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<v SPEAKER_2>But given everything that's been happening, even in the last week, I think we need to finally, finally, finally put our money where our mouth is and say what we're going to do in the Arctic.

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<v SPEAKER_2>We, as I said before, talk that great game.

00:41:33.840 --> 00:41:35.920
<v SPEAKER_2>Let's actually do some stuff up there ASAP.

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<v SPEAKER_2>Get moving on all these procurement projects and what have you.

00:41:39.400 --> 00:41:39.920
<v SPEAKER_1>Okay.

00:41:39.920 --> 00:41:43.480
<v SPEAKER_1>Get the national security strategy and get to it in the Arctic.

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<v SPEAKER_1>Howard, what about you?

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<v SPEAKER_1>What would you tell the Prime Minister?

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<v SPEAKER_3>Well, first of all, I'd tell him to take the advice of the last three speakers because they're all absolutely on from what they're telling him.

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<v SPEAKER_3>Stay the course, but very importantly, get the country behind you.

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<v SPEAKER_3>You've got to get the country behind you.

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<v SPEAKER_3>You've got to shake up the bureaucracy so that you can do what you can do.

00:42:03.840 --> 00:42:05.880
<v SPEAKER_3>And those are hard things.

00:42:05.880 --> 00:42:16.860
<v SPEAKER_3>I mean, he gave a speech last night, which was in Quebec City, which was okay, but it wasn't really an address to the nation where it says, this is hard, sacrifices are needed.

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<v SPEAKER_3>You must accept your responsibility as the people to do this with me.

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<v SPEAKER_3>And so I would say, get the country behind you on all of this is really, really important before people start to complain too much about whatever they complain about.

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<v SPEAKER_1>All right.

00:42:34.100 --> 00:42:39.760
<v SPEAKER_1>In the next couple of minutes, if you basically have 30 seconds each, what are you reading or streaming these days?

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<v SPEAKER_1>Howard, why don't you lead?

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<v SPEAKER_3>Well, I'm not streaming very much.

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<v SPEAKER_3>I'm trying to avoid streaming anything with Trump on it.

00:42:50.720 --> 00:43:05.560
<v SPEAKER_3>And I'm reading a couple of great novels, one of which is Menace Of Quantum, which is kind of building on the James Bond world or the James Bond tradition in the world of quantum computing.

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<v SPEAKER_3>Kind of fun as a novel.

00:43:07.480 --> 00:43:07.860
<v SPEAKER_1>All right.

00:43:07.860 --> 00:43:08.940
<v SPEAKER_1>Menace Of Quantum.

00:43:08.940 --> 00:43:09.320
<v SPEAKER_1>Thank you.

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<v SPEAKER_1>Vincent, what are you reading or streaming?

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<v SPEAKER_2>I've just started a book entitled The Mission, The CIA of the 21st Century, which is Tim Weiner.

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<v SPEAKER_2>He wrote this great book, a number of musicals, called The Legacy of Ashes, The History of the CIA.

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<v SPEAKER_2>So this is kind of like a sequel taking it into the 21st century.

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<v SPEAKER_2>His last book was fantastic.

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<v SPEAKER_2>So I'm just dipping into it.

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<v SPEAKER_2>I'm really looking forward to it.

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<v SPEAKER_1>Okay.

00:43:31.120 --> 00:43:32.380
<v SPEAKER_1>The Mission, Tim Weiner.

00:43:32.380 --> 00:43:34.140
<v SPEAKER_1>Mark, what about you?

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<v SPEAKER_5>I've got a sea story that I got for Christmas from a typically non-fiction writer, Admiral Jim Stavridis, who I had the pleasure to know in my career.

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<v SPEAKER_5>And the book is called The Restless Wave.

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<v SPEAKER_5>And so I'm going to go on a bit of a holiday here in a couple of weeks.

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<v SPEAKER_5>And it's in my backpack as my project to finish.

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<v SPEAKER_5>So, yeah.

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<v SPEAKER_1>All right, Admiral Jim Stavridis' The Restless Wave.

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<v SPEAKER_1>The Restless Wave.

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<v SPEAKER_1>Perfect.

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<v SPEAKER_1>Paul, what about you?

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<v SPEAKER_4>Yeah, I'm halfway into a lively history called Mosquito, A Human History Of Our Deadliest Predator by Timothy Winegard, who

apparently is a historian at a college in Colorado.

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<v SPEAKER_4>But he apparently served in the Canadian and the British Armed Forces at some point.

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<v SPEAKER_4>And he does show, and I was just really gossmacked by the statistics that he conveys about how over 80 percent of the fatalities by forces during the colonial wars was not as a result of combat, but from disease, and particularly in the more subtropical parts of the French and British realms, Spanish realms.

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<v SPEAKER_4>It was mosquito-borne diseases that just ravaged the forces that were sent there.

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<v SPEAKER_4>So a striking and maybe a timely recognition that we have an apex predator in this little insect that we still haven't been able to counter effectively.

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<v SPEAKER_2>I find it very ironic, Paul, that we spent the last 45 minutes talking about the US as the deadliest predator, and now you tell us it's the mosquito.

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<v SPEAKER_1>Gentlemen, thank you.

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<v SPEAKER_5>Buzzing, annoying, and always in the wrong place at the wrong time.

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<v SPEAKER_5>So it's probably a useful metaphor.

00:45:48.900 --> 00:45:49.840
<v SPEAKER_5>Hey, Vince?

00:45:49.840 --> 00:45:50.700
<v SPEAKER_2>I'd say so.

00:45:50.700 --> 00:45:52.080
<v SPEAKER_2>I like it.

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<v SPEAKER_1>All right.

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<v SPEAKER_1>Thank you, gentlemen.

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<v SPEAKER_1>Thanks for listening to this episode of The Global Exchange.

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00:46:14.200 --> 00:46:15.660
<v SPEAKER_1>I'm Colin Robertson.

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<v SPEAKER_1>Thanks for joining us today on The Global Exchange.