

TABLE: GOVERNMENT PROGRESS ON MLI RECOMMENDATIONS

KEY AREA	PROGRESS
FISCAL POLICY	
Adoption of fiscal rules including balanced budget legislation	No. Previous law repealed.
Launch a Program Review similar in scope and comprehensiveness to the 1990s process	No. Spending continues to grow.
Reform or divest Crown corporations including Canada Post and Via Rail	No. Reversing changes implemented by predecessor.
Restore Parliament's role in approving annual borrowing limits	Yes.
INDIGENOUS OPPORTUNITY	
Developing a new framework for Indigenous revenue sharing related to natural resource projects	Outstanding.
Enabling Indigenous equity ownership in natural resource projects	Outstanding.
Improving basic services - including water, housing, and fire protection - on reserves	Yes. Early progress but still plenty more to do.
Dedicate a considerable share of new infrastructure funding for on-reserve projects	Outstanding.
Prioritize pre- and post-natal support for Indigenous children	Outstanding.
Advance a pro-family agenda in Indigenous communities	Outstanding.
CANADA-U.S. RELATIONS	
Prioritize Canada-U.S. energy cooperation	Outstanding. Progress on Keystone is positive.
Adopt a continental climate change strategy	No. Proposed policies diverge from Washington.
Pursue a new softwood lumber agreement	Outstanding.

Make progress on border security and transportation facilitation including new infrastructure investments	Outstanding.
Develop stronger Canada-U.S. partnerships in the Arctic	Outstanding.
SECURE RETIREMENT	
Conduct an updated review of the state of Canada's retirement income system	No. CPP hikes enacted without updating 2009 review.
Expand GIS for low-income seniors	Yes.
Reform and expand PRPP model	No. Government has been mostly silent on PRPPs.
MIDDLE-CLASS OPPORTUNITY	
Broad-based tax reform to lower tax rates	No. Review of tax system led to few changes.
Expand the Working Income Tax Benefit	Yes.
Support Trans-Pacific Partnership	Outstanding.
Adopt ambitious plan to eliminate interprovincial trade barriers	Mixed. New agreement still has far too many carve outs.
Leverage federal housing funds to catalyse land-use reforms at provincial and local levels	Outstanding. National Housing Strategy still in development.
Promote pipeline development to support good, middle-class jobs.	Mixed. Some projects approved but series of changes that put pipeline development at risk.
REFUGEE POLICY	
Adopt an evidence-based mechanism - in consultation with cities and NGOs - for setting refugee target	No.
Focus on privately-sponsored refugees - including expanding the blended stream	Outstanding.
Expand support for countries bearing brunt of Syrian refugee crisis	Yes. Some progress in this area.

HEALTH-CARE REFORM	
Resist calls to increase the growth rate of the Canada Health Transfer	Yes.
Reduce conditionality to enable greater provincial/territorial experimentation.	No. Instead Ottawa has cracked down on successful experiments (e.g., SK MRI model).
INFRASTRUCTURE	
Champion federalism by reducing conditions on lower levels of government	Outstanding.
Focus on growth-oriented infrastructure	No. Early priorities focused on "social" and "green" infrastructure.
Leverage private sector financing and expertise	Outstanding. New infrastructure bank is still not operational.
Develop a long-term plan that is technology neutral	Yes. The government slowed down "stimulus" and has focused on longer-term priorities.
DEFENCE POLICY REVIEW	
Reset procurement priorities	Outstanding.
Dedicate stable, predictable capital funding	Yes. New funding commitments are a positive step.
Develop a stronger internal procurement capacity	Outstanding.
Focus on greater intra-governmental communications and cooperation	Outstanding.
CLIMATE CHANGE	
Respect federalism and provincial economic and policy differences	No. Early signs are not promising.
Carbon tax revenues should be used to reduce other more distortionary taxes	Outstanding.

RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT	
Recognize that resource development is in the national interest	Outstanding. Minister of Natural Resources has made positive comments but actions diverge.
Avoid policy choices that further uncertainty and delay project decisions	No. Proposed changes to NEB process will delay projects.
Develop better tools for Indigenous participation in resource development	Outstanding.
WIRELESS AND INNOVATION	
Place a greater policy emphasis on infrastructure deployment	Outstanding.
Adopt a more neutral wireless policy in spectrum auctions and other areas	Outstanding.
Liberal foreign ownership restrictions	Outstanding.
NATIONAL SECURITY	
Recognize that violent extremism represents a serious threat to our democracy and society	Outstanding.
Expand accountability and transparency without undermining national security or politicizing the process	Outstanding. New parliamentary committee now established. Too early to judge its utility.
Exercise caution in changing RCMP's "disruption powers"	Yes. Proposed reforms keep "disruption" largely intact.
Build greater local partnerships with law enforcement and civil society organizations	Outstanding.