



## The Group of 78 Bookshelf

*Short reviews of books recommended by our members relevant to the themes of the Group of 78 mandate.*

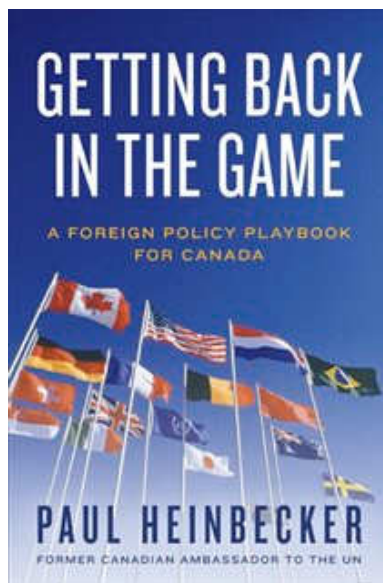
### **Paul Heinbecker, “Getting Back in the Game: A Foreign Policy Playbook for Canada”**

Key Porter Books. 2010.

Recommended by Shirley Farlinger July 17, 2011

Many members of the Group of 78 will remember when Canada had an active and influential role in world affairs. Heinbecker was for over 30 years at the centre of foreign policy development. In the book he makes an impressive case for an active, ambitious foreign policy for Canada. His six sensible suggestions include: moving on to a world without nuclear weapons, strengthening the International Atomic Energy Commission, persuading the US Congress to ratify nuclear treaties, laying out our own climate change action plan, fixing the consensus negotiating processes, improving the United Nations and trying to make sure Canada is at the table. “Our interests are not, in every case, the same as US interests and we simply cannot afford to hand Washington our proxy.”

I enjoyed the book and wish Stephen Harper had read it before taking a hard right move on militarism and disregarding the UN. He might be a good speaker for us.



<http://www.amazon.ca/Getting-Back-Game-Foreign-Playbook/dp/1554702984>