

The Canadian and U.S. Governments have long had close, cooperative relations on border management. The *Canada-U.S. Partnership Forum* (CUSP) was launched in October 1999 by Prime Minister Chrétien and President Clinton to promote high-level dialogue among governments, border communities, and stakeholders on border management. The Prime Minister and the President endorsed three guiding principles of border management: streamline, harmonize, and collaborate on border policies and management; expand co-operation to increase efficiencies in customs, immigration, law enforcement and environmental protection at and beyond the border; and collaborate on threats outside Canada and the U.S.