

## **II. FOREIGN POLICY AND SECURITY ISSUES**

As stated in the 1990 Declaration on Canada-EU Relations, Canada and the EU share a commitment to strengthening the transatlantic relationship and to the security and stability of Europe, the extension of democracy, respect for human rights, and the rule of law, in the wider world. They have a common interest in stimulating and supporting efforts aimed at resolving international and civil conflicts also by promoting peace-keeping and peace-building measures. They also share a commitment to working through relevant international organisations and implementing preventive diplomacy in conformity with international law.

In the spirit of the commitments and mechanisms identified in the 1990 Declaration, areas for common consultation and action will be jointly identified and periodically reviewed.

### **1. Strengthening co-operation on Euro-Atlantic security issues**

Recognising the indivisible character of Euro-Atlantic security they confirm that NATO remains, for its members, the centrepiece of transatlantic security, providing the indispensable link between North America and Europe.

In the context of the relevant institutions and in the light of their evolution, they will continue to work together to promote common security, including through the design of a new European Security Architecture.

They will work together in ensuring that the process of integration into European and transatlantic security structures occurs in a manner which enhances the common security preserved by the transatlantic link.