

NORWAY-CANADA PARTNERSHIP FOR ACTION

- THE LYSØEN DECLARATION -

Norway and Canada share common values and approaches to foreign policy. With the evolution of international affairs, particularly with regard to emerging human security issues, we have agreed to establish a framework for consultation and concerted action.

Shared objectives

To enhance foreign policy consultations and cooperation on priority issues of international concern.

To strengthen Arctic and northern cooperation.

To coordinate and concert actions with a view to:

- enhancing human security
- promoting human rights
- strengthening humanitarian law
- preventing conflict
- fostering democracy and good governance.

To develop and enhance partnerships between governments, international organizations, non-governmental organizations and other elements of civil society.

Framework

To achieve these foreign policy objectives, we agree to establish a flexible framework for consultation and cooperation, to include:

- Ministerial meetings at least once yearly to review progress, set priorities, and impart direction.
- Bilateral teams to develop and implement joint Ministerial initiatives.
- Meetings will be held alternately in Norway and Canada or, where convenient, on the margins of international meetings.

In pursuing these goals, we will seek the advice and involvement of civil society and relevant international bodies.

Using the bilateral cooperation framework as a basis, we intend, where practicable, to involve other countries as well.

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