

2. Strengthening and broadening science and technology co-operation

Building on the Agreement for Scientific and Technological Co-operation between Canada and the EC, which entered into force in February 1996, they will further strengthen and broaden their co-operation in the area of science and technology.

Recognising that scientific and technological advances underlie their ability to meet global challenges and the fostering of economic growth and job creation, they will promote co-operative science and technology activities in support of topics identified in this document.

They will co-operate in the field of bio-technology and encourage regulatory co-operation, including with respect to genetically modified organisms.

3. Business-to-business contacts

Canada and the EU will devote their best efforts to identify and support the establishment of transnational strategic business alliances, technology transfers and other forms of industrial co-operation. To this end, they will explore the scope for supporting business-to-business contacts, including round-tables, seminars and conferences on issues of mutual interest and, if appropriate, for fully utilising the existing mechanisms established by the 1976 Framework Agreement.

4. People to people links

In order to promote closer links between people they will:

- facilitate the movement of each other's citizens across their respective borders;
- facilitate contacts between parliamentarians;
- encourage increased contacts between citizens and institutions in diverse fora: youth (including through