

They will negotiate constructively on bilateral issues, respecting each other's aspirations and interests.

The Parties will promote the activities of the mixed commissions on economic, agricultural, environmental, and Arctic and northern cooperation. New mixed commissions and other standing or ad hoc bodies will be established as required and by mutual agreement.

#### Article 4

Canada and the Russian Federation confirm their respective arms control obligations. They will support international efforts directed at reducing force levels and building confidence.

They reaffirm their strong commitment to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons of 1968 and the Convention on Biological and Toxic Weapons of 1972, and their readiness to conclude an agreement on a comprehensive ban on chemical weapons at the earliest possible date.

The Parties will continue their bilateral cooperation with the aim of resolving outstanding issues at the Conference on Disarmament.

They agree to implement measures, including export controls, to prevent the proliferation of weapons of mass destruction and related technologies.

The Parties will cooperate in the conversion of defence industries to technologically and economically competitive civilian production.

#### Article 5

Canada and the Russian Federation shall expand and enhance cooperation within the United Nations to strengthen the Organization's peace-making role, including the prevention of conflicts and crisis situations, to increase the effectiveness of the collective security system provided for in the UN Charter, to build up the United Nations contribution to the solution of contemporary global problems and to shape a new and just world order.

#### Article 6

The Parties shall do their utmost to foster mutual understanding and cooperation in Europe. They will work together in enhancing the effectiveness of the Conference on Security and Cooperation in Europe, particularly as an instrument for the prevention and settlement of international conflicts, the protection of human rights and the rights of minorities, and the development of democratic institutions.