Canada views the NATO-Russia partnership as an essential component of the European security architecture and an investment in stability for both parties. We would like to see both parties use this tool to the utmost degree possible. For example, we advocate using the Permanent Joint Council for consultations on an ever wider range of topics, including arms control and disarmament.

Canada has been one of the strongest proponents of NATO's distinctive partnership with Ukraine. This flows naturally from our own close bilateral relationship with that country. NATO, like Canada, recognizes the significant position that Ukraine occupies as a major regional player in European security. Accordingly, the Alliance has invested heavily in its Ukrainian partnership.