

world, the U.S. as “hyperpower” and integration in communications suggest we need to assess changes that have taken place since the last foreign policy review, and consider which aspects of Canada’s foreign policy may require updating.

At the suggestion of the Chair, participants addressed three broad themes in Canada-Europe relations: trade, culture and values, and security. Six participants agreed to lead off discussions on those themes.

## Summary Conclusions

1. Relations with Europe can be an important component of our global foreign policy objectives:
  - to help us see ourselves beyond North America
  - to help others to see us as more than “U.S.A. North”
  - to promote the concept of Human Security
  - because Europeans are “natural”/important partners in promoting human rights, shared values, democracy, social welfare, and in protecting diverse cultures (models and ‘space’), social welfare, the rule of law and other areas of public policy
  - to achieve environmental goals
  - to maintain, improve, and rebuild multilateral relations, systems and institutions
  - to promote conflict prevention, address the North-South divide and development issues.
2. Relations with Europe can be, and are, of value in their own right in Canadian Foreign Policy for the following reasons:
  - trade is still important to both Europe and Canada
  - ‘cross learning’/cultural re-enforcement can emphasize our ‘non-U.S.’ culture
  - Canada could share models and experiences of diversity, multiculturalism, and immigration
  - Canada, as a North American NATO partner, could build partnerships with Europeans as military non-U.S. allies (for example in European peacekeeping).
3. A key problem identified is that Canada needs to recognize and address our lack of visibility and awareness in Europe. Steps could include:
  - increased use of, and funding for public diplomacy, drawing on exchanges and partnerships between scholars, scientists, business contacts, students, and others to increase visibility and awareness
  - increased Canadian commitment (funding, military forces) to the Stability Pact and other peacebuilding initiatives in Europe.

Participants also suggested raising Canada’s profile with European governments:

- through better use of Observer Status at the Council of Europe, and;
- through a permanent presence and active participation in other European institutions.
- encouraging trade by assisting Canadian business to deal with standards, regulations and