education systems to promote harmonization and common standards should be encouraged.

Canada should explore with the provinces the possibility of promoting the concept of a hemispheric conference on education prior to 2005 to prepare educational systems for the introduction of the Free Trade Area of the Americas. In the context of greater academic cooperation within the Americas, Canada should invite its hemispheric partners to look into the "College des Amériques" proposal, spearheaded by L'organisation universitaire inter-américaine (OUI).