

UNITED KINGDOM AT A GLANCE

United Kingdom-Canada Relations:

- Longstanding, diverse and vibrant relations, rooted in our common history, shared values.
- Significant people-to-people ties: 20% of Canadians claim British heritage (5,978,875 - Census 2001); Canada's second largest source of tourists (723,000 in 2003); important partners in youth and academic exchanges.
- Significant business links: The UK is Canada's 3rd largest source of foreign direct investment (a total of \$26.2 billion as of 2002); almost half of all Canadian investment in Europe goes to the UK (a total of \$45.2 billion as of 2002).
- The UK is Canada's largest export market in Europe and our second largest market in the world for business services; our most important Science & Technology partner after the USA; two-way trade of \$13.7 billion (2003).
- The UK is our most important military partner, after the USA: NATO, peacekeeping, defense procurement, and important UK training facilities in Suffield, Alberta and Labrador.
- "Best Practices": significant dialogue and cooperation on a range of issues, including: e-government; healthcare reform; social policies; transportation; economic reform; government devolution/federalism; development assistance, especially to Africa; and security, defense and foreign policy.

Canada, the United Kingdom and the European Union:

- **International Security & Effective Multilateralism:** The UK is a leader in promoting transatlantic co-operation, and wants to the EU's ESDP to complement NATO's activities and role. Partners in the G8, G20 and Commonwealth, and in promoting democracy, UN reform, human rights and human security.
- **Global Economic Prosperity:** Progress on the TIEA trade talks will help our competitive export-oriented economies and increase professional mobility. The UK is a world leader in the sectors of services, finance, defense, aerospace and cultural industries. Mutual benefits of cooperating on: innovation, science & technology, bio-technology, health, IT, energy and in the WTO (Doha).
- **Justice and Home Affairs:** Canada and UK actively cooperate on immigration/integration, cultural diversity, anti-terrorism, and on security and intelligence.
- **Global and Regional Challenges:** The UK's leadership on global issues is significant. Prime Minister Blair is committed to making African development a focus of the UK's G8 Presidency in 2005. Partners in supporting the Northern Ireland Peace Process.
- **People-To-People:** Our youth are our future. We benefit from extensive programs for youth and academic exchanges. Parliamentary ties can be strengthened, as can our whole-of-government interaction between counterpart ministries in government.