

## Renewing a partnership

# Canada-EU relations look to the future

Today, in the context of globalization and the new world order, the relationship between Canada and Europe faces both new demands and new opportunities. When the most ambitious enlargement of the European Union (EU) became a reality in May 2004, Europe effectively became the world's second-largest superpower, representing a major share of world trade. It is now time to build new bridges between modern Canada and an expanded Europe.

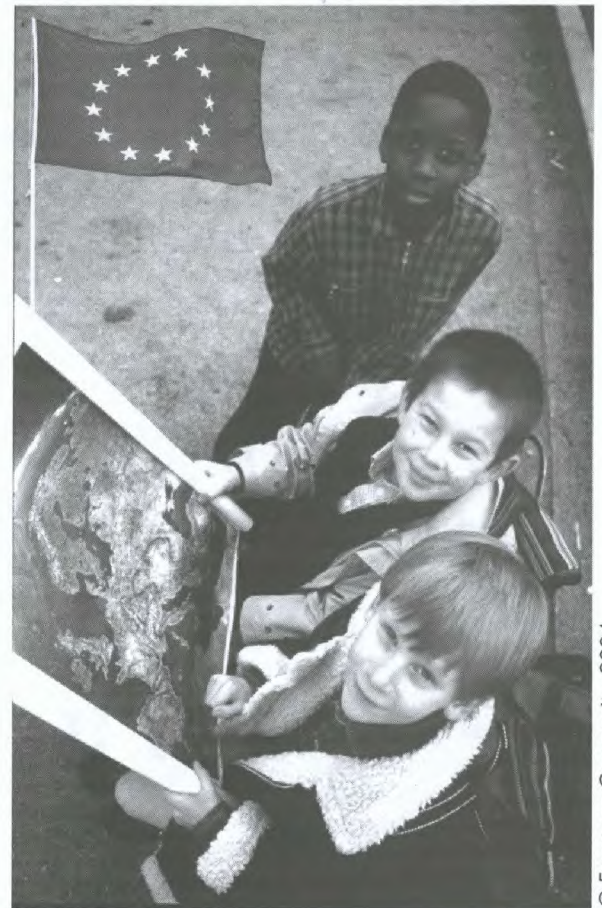
### New worlds of opportunity

Canada is a preferred trade partner for many European countries. As the EU expands, new trade opportunities for Canada in the international community range from technical innovations and creative arts to peacebuilding, environmental stewardship and sustainable development. Canada is committed to cooperating closely with Europe to achieve our common goals in a number of areas, from business and international security to trade and culture.

Canada strongly supports the enlargement of the EU and believes it can only encourage peace, stability and prosperity in our times. Canada's relationship with the EU has been beneficial for both sides, and the future promises even greater connections between Canada and all the EU's member states, particularly in the areas of trade, people-to-people links and global development.

### Trade built on a shared vision

Canada's economic and political relationship with the EU is comprehensive and long-standing. In 1976, Canada became the very non-European nation to conclude an economic cooperation



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agreement with what was then the European Economic Community. Since then, the Canada-EU relationship has been strengthened by a host of other agreements in areas such as education, customs, competition, science and technology, and nuclear matters. Today, the

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