

- broadening the scope of Canadian and EU exchange programmes for young people. This new co-operation will supplement the wide range of existing programmes that EU Member States and Canada have developed over the years, building on established programs between Canada and EU Member States involving educational institutions, private and public institutions, and foundations. As a first step, Canada and the EU will organise a seminar for youth structures in 2004. Canada and the EU will welcome and encourage agreements between Canada and individual EU Member States.
- exploring avenues to reinforce and broaden the scope of our cooperation when we renew our co-operation Agreement on Higher Education and Training. We will also explore ways to upgrade the existing Agreement by improving access for all higher education and training institutions, and by increasing student/trainee exchanges. We will also explore options for including a “work experience” component involving language training and/or internships. We will encourage students and scholars to take advantage of the new opportunities offered by the EU’s Erasmus Mundus programme.
- encouraging greater opportunities for discussions between parliamentarians, building on our annual inter-parliamentary meetings. The most recent visit of the European Parliament’s Canada Delegation in October 2003 resulted in a number of specific suggestions for areas of cooperation including the environment and justice and home affairs. We will encourage increased contacts between Committees of the Canadian and European Parliaments as well as targeted visits on specific issues of mutual interest by Members of the European Parliament and the Canadian Parliament.
- devoting efforts to support the establishment of business-to business contacts. We will reaffirm our support for the useful role of the Canada-Europe Round Table (CERT) as a valuable forum for our business community on both sides of the Atlantic. CERT has provided strong support in our work to develop a Trade and Investment Enhancement Agreement. CERT also provides a regular interface for government-to-business dialogue.