

- work together to strengthen transatlantic security, taking into account the central role of the existing transatlantic security architecture between Europe and North America.
- enhance cooperation in EU crisis management missions and peace-keeping operations and give consideration to the negotiation of ways to define Canadian participation in such missions, through agreed effective implementation of the Conclusions of the Seville European Council.

Canada and the EU attach great importance to the functioning of the multilateral system, particularly the role of the United Nations in maintaining world peace and the international rule of law.

To ensure the effectiveness of the multilateral system we will:

- work together to help reinvigorate the UN and to develop initiatives to make multilateralism more effective, through examining joint approaches on issues such as sustainable development, human rights, humanitarian assistance and peacekeeping.
- continue, as we have done in the past, to seek agreement on new rules governing international action on the protection of a population from the effects of civil conflict and state failure taking into account the report of the International Commission on Intervention and State Sovereignty: *The Responsibility to Protect*.
- work together to ensure the full establishment of the jurisdiction of the International Criminal Court.
- enhance efforts to coordinate positions in advance of international meetings, including in the field of human rights and other humanitarian fields.
- seek greater collaboration among nations to ensure that economic policies are coherent and linked with enhanced policies and programmes in support of developing countries' efforts to: (1) alleviate hunger, poverty and disease (2) enhance their social infrastructure, and (3) help raise standards of living.
- enhance our capacity to coordinate the delivery of démarches in other third countries, through systematic and regular contact at the diplomatic level.
- share experience and expertise in engaging NGOs through formal consultations, and in the field.
- continue to reinforce our co-operation in multilateral fora in the field of development assistance including in the context of international efforts to harmonise donor practices and cooperate more actively at the bilateral level. We will enhance the frequency and level of contact between the Canadian International Development Agency and EU agencies responsible for development assistance, in order to capitalise on common approaches.