

GERMANY AT A GLANCE

Germany-Canada Relations:

- Strong people-to-people ties: almost 1% of Canadians claim German heritage (2.7 million -- 2001 Census), with the largest concentration in central Canada (Ontario); Lunenburg, Nova Scotia is the oldest German-Canadian community (since 1750); **Germany** is an important source of tourism; growing partnership in youth and academic exchanges.
- Significant business links: **Germany** is the 6th largest foreign investor in Canada (stock of \$6.75 billion in 2002), with some 600 German firms present in Canada; Canadian investment in **Germany** has grown to \$9.27 billion (2002); two-way trade is \$11.48 billion (2003).
- Our bilateral Science and Technology Agreement (signed in 1971) is one of Canada's most important worldwide, generating some 500 joint projects and new technical transfers.
- Like-minded multilateral partners: UN, G-8, NATO, OSCE, OECD, WTO, human rights, peacekeeping and peace-building (Afghanistan, Middle East, Balkans), anti-terrorism.
- Our soldiers work side-by-side in Afghanistan: after Canada, **Germany** has the largest military contingent in the International Security Assistance Force (ISAF) providing security in Kabul.
- "Best Practices": growing dialogue and cooperation on healthcare reform, social and economic policies, federalism, immigration & integration, anti-terrorism, R & D, as well as on defence, security and foreign policy.

Canada, Germany and the European Union:

- **International Security & Effective Multilateralism:** **Germany** is an influential voice in world affairs (G8, NATO, EU). Partners on UN reform, peacekeeping and peace building, human rights (ICC), anti-terrorism, and crisis management.
- **Global Economic Prosperity:** Progress on the TIEA trade talks will help our competitive export-oriented economies and increase professional mobility. **Germany** is the most important trading partner for 18 of the 24 EU members and central to decision-making on EU trade and investment policy. Mutual benefits of cooperation on: science & technology, bio-technology, transportation, IT, automotive sector, and in the WTO (Doha).
- **Justice and Home Affairs:** **Germany's** Schengen membership (visa policy). Partners in combatting illegal migration and human trafficking. **Germany** looks to Canada for ideas on immigration/integration.
- **Global and Regional Challenges:** **Germany's** growing role on global and regional issues: Balkans, Afghanistan, Middle East (**Germany's** proposal for an EU Middle East Modernization initiative), and on sustainable development (Africa).
- **People-to-People:** Benefits of new EU and bilateral exchanges with Canada: young workers and young leaders programs promise long-term gains. Parliamentary ties can be strengthened, as can our whole-of-government inter-action between counterpart government ministries.

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