

Secondly, the EU has welcomed our interest in potentially contributing to future EU-led operations. The way is therefore open for us to participate in such missions, provided we can work out suitable arrangements with the EU. We have indicated to the EU and to our NATO Allies that, in the event of an EU-led operation using Alliance assets, modalities for our participation, should we so wish, would have to be agreed. We contribute to NATO's common assets and capabilities and we would expect to have a say in the political and military control of an operation in which Canadian personnel and resources were involved. I am confident that this issue, like others surrounding the ESDP, will be resolved. I would add that we have expressed our interest in closer Canada-EU consultations on security and defence. We will continue to pursue this subject with the current French EU Presidency and with the Swedes when they begin their