

Article 1

Canada and the Russian Federation agree to develop their relations as friendly states in accordance with the UN Charter, relevant human rights instruments, the Helsinki Final Act, the Charter of Paris and other documents of the Conference on Security and Cooperation in Europe. Their relations shall be characterized by mutual trust, respect, solidarity, cooperation and a common commitment to democracy and economic freedom.

They shall fulfil in good faith their obligations under international law and promote good neighbourliness in their relations and with all other states.

The Parties will cooperate within the relevant international organizations to promote human rights, democratic values, social justice and prosperity.

Article 2

Canada and the Russian Federation agree to refrain from the threat or use of force against each other's territorial integrity or political independence, and to settle any mutual disputes by peaceful means, and for this purpose to use the mechanisms of the United Nations, the Conference on Security and Cooperation in Europe, and other international instruments to which they are parties.

Should either Party become the object of armed aggression, the other Party, consistent with its security and defence arrangements and relations, shall not render the aggressor military or any other assistance.

Should either Party believe that an emerging situation threatens international peace or its vital security interests, bilateral consultations will be held at its request.

Article 3

Canada and the Russian Federation agree to maintain a regular dialogue at the highest political level of the two countries on principal issues of their bilateral relations, on developments in their countries, as well as on issues of mutual and international concern.

They will promote cooperation at all levels, including consultations between Foreign Ministers and cooperation between elected leaders, legislative and executive bodies, public officials and private organizations with the aim of ensuring further expansion and deepening of their bilateral relations and of co-ordinating their stands on international issues.