

and creating the potential for friction, we need to rediscover the ties that bind. It is not that deeper transatlantic co-operation is an alternative to broader global co-operation; it is rather that a strong North Atlantic architecture is central to our ability to manage and advance a larger global agenda.

President Kennedy once said of the Canada-United States relationship that "Geography has made us neighbours. History has made us friends. Economics has made us partners. And necessity has made us allies." The same holds true for all the countries that share the North Atlantic. If we in Europe and North America can find the will to progress in our relationship, it will be good news, not just for the Atlantic community, but for the world.

Thank you.