

including the areas of justice and home affairs, and foreign and security policy.

The Canada-EU Summit held in Ottawa on December 17, 1998 saw the signature of three agreements (see below). The "EU-Canada Trade Initiative" (ECTI) was also launched at that time. ECTI is focussed on the trade and economic objectives of the 1996 Action Plan. Canada and the EU also agreed to work together to raise the awareness of how the introduction of the Euro could affect Canadian firms, particularly small and medium-sized ones. Canada and the EU also issued a statement on a Joint Statement on Small Arms and Anti-personnel Mines at that time, in which they undertook to increase their joint efforts to reduce the threat to human security stemming from these two sources.

At the Summit held in Bonn on June 17 just prior to the Cologne G-8 meeting, leaders received a report on ECTI progress and the Canada-EU Competition Agreement was signed (see below).

### **Agreements**

Canada and the EU reached important Action Plan objectives by signing of the following agreements at the Ottawa Summit in December:

- the **Agreement between the European Community and the Government of Canada on Sanitary Measures to Protect Public and Animal Health in respect of Trade in Live Animals and Animal Products** which will facilitate in future mutual recognition of sanitary measures in respect of trade in live animals and animal products.
- amendments to the **Agreement for Scientific and Technological Cooperation** which broaden the existing areas for cooperation between Canadian and European researchers to include all the research areas of the Fifth Framework Program.
- the **Agreement on Nuclear Research and Development** which allows firms and laboratories in the EU and Canada reciprocal access to each other's civilian nuclear research programs.

At the Bonn Summit in June both parties signed the **Canada-EU Competition Agreement** which will facilitate cooperation and coordination in the enforcement of their respective competition laws.