

Canada-EU Relations:

A Chronology

1958 – Canada becomes the first non-EU member with concurrent diplomatic accreditation to Belgium and to the European Community (EC)

1959 – Canada-Euratom Agreement for cooperation in the peaceful uses of atomic energy (amended: 1978, 1983, 1985, 1991)

1962 – Canada-European Economic Community Agreement with respect of ordinary wheat
– Canada-European Economic Community Agreement with respect of quality wheat

1972 – Inauguration in Ottawa of regular Ministerial consultations between Canada and the EC

1973 – Accreditation of a permanent Canadian Ambassador to the EC and opening of the Canadian Mission to the EC in Brussels

1974 – Inauguration of annual meetings between Canadian and European Parliamentarians

1975 – Exchange of Letters on Environment Cooperation

1976 – ECSC-Protocol on Commercial and Economic Cooperation

– Canada-EC Framework Agreement for Commercial and Economic Cooperation

– EC Commission's Delegation is opened in Ottawa

1979 – Memorandum of Understanding on Energy Bus

1980 – Canada-EC Agreement on the management of radioactive wastes

1981 – Canada-EC Long Term Fisheries Agreement (amended in 1984)

1985 – Canada-European Space Agency Agreement concerning the participation of Canada in the development and exploitation phases of the European Research Programme

1986 – Memorandum of Understanding on the collaboration in fusion research and development

1988 – Memorandum of Understanding on cooperation in the field of controlled thermonuclear fusion

1989 – Canada-European Space Agency Cooperation Agreement

– Canada-EC Agreement on trade in alcoholic beverages

1990 – Declaration on Canada-EC Relations, also called the "Transatlantic Declaration", recognising need for a framework to support dialogue and cooperation

1991 – Inauguration in Ottawa of the Heads of Government meetings established under the Transatlantic Declaration

1995 – Canada-EU Science and Technology and Education Agreements

– Canada-EU Nuclear Fusion Agreement

1996 – Signing of the Joint Political Declaration on Canada-EU Relations and Canada-EU Action Plan

1997 – Canada-EU Customs Cooperation Agreement

– The Council approves agreement on leghold traps negotiated with Canada and Russia

1998 – Canada-EU Mutual Recognition Agreement

– Amendment to the Canada-EU Science and Technology Agreement (enlarging its scope)

– Nuclear Research and Development Cooperation Agreement between Canada and Euratom

– Veterinary Agreement