

MEDIA NOTE

This address is the first of two major statements by the Secretary of State for External Affairs on the subject of Canadian policy towards Europe. Today's speech outlines Canada's interests in developments in Europe and defines the principles which will guide the development of our policy towards Europe. A second speech, to be delivered in the next few weeks, will outline a series of initiatives Canada intends to pursue bilaterally and multilaterally in its relations with Europe. This second speech will follow consideration by Cabinet of these initiatives, and the associated policy framework.