

in the first instance with Germany and Britain) to take initiatives to further collective G7 mechanisms for strengthening the compliance record of all G7 members, and thus the effectiveness and credibility of the G7 system as a whole.

Canada and its G7 Summit partners should remain committed to implementing Summit commitments for it is in Canada's strong interest for the G7 to remain a credible and effective international forum. Canada is well situated as a partner within the Summit process to advance integrative, consensus-oriented suggestions for compliance enhancement. Reforms that lead to a streamlined and simpler Summit format and narrow the issues discussed to those that meet the criteria suggested in this paper should generate fewer, yet higher quality commitments, which are more likely to be fulfilled. A strengthened role for stand alone ministerials, foreign ministers and other surveillance devices should further improve compliance. Though expectations of the Summit may be somewhat narrowed, it is more likely, given the implementation of these proposals, that the summits would deliver more concrete results.