

Atlantic. In order to renew our ties based on shared cultures and values, we will encourage contacts between our citizens at every level, especially among our youth. We will also remove unnecessary barriers between people by making it easier for our respective business men and women to make contact and to identify new commercial opportunities.

In recognition of the impact information technology has had on scientific and academic development, we will take imaginative new steps to enhance collaboration on science and technology. Cognisant of the new realities of globalization and the emerging information society, including the opportunities offered to increase prosperity, we will co-operate to develop information and communication strategies that respect cultural and linguistic diversity.

To ensure that our elected officials remain engaged and sensitive to the new currents of our dynamic relationship, we will actively promote contacts between our Parliamentarians, as well as our young people, and our artists and creators, on issues of common concern.

In order to achieve our common goals we today adopt this Joint Political Declaration and its Joint Action Plan aimed at furthering our bilateral co-operation. These documents do not affect any legal position of Canada, the European Community, or its Member States, nor do they prejudice the respective legal positions of Canada and the Kingdom of Spain in the "Fisheries Jurisdiction Case" before the International Court of Justice. The Action Plan is based on our community of values, which is the source of our strength in so many fields. We are committed to sharing these values, and the benefits they bestow, with other countries that may seek our co-operation and support. In this respect, we will consider with the United States, on a case-by-case basis, trilateralisation in specific areas covered by the Joint Action Plan.

As our dynamic relationship continues to evolve we stand ready to respond to new challenges and opportunities by updating and amending our mutual agenda to meet future demands.