

A STRATEGY FOR OUR NORTH AMERICAN PARTNERSHIP

A new basis for more effective cooperation was established when the leaders of Canada, the United States and Mexico signed in March 2005 the *Security and Prosperity Partnership of North America*. It calls for mutual action on security, prosperity and quality of life, and builds on the *Canada-U.S. Joint Statement on Common Security, Common Prosperity and a New Partnership in North America* and the *Canada-Mexico Partnership*, both agreed to in 2004. The Security and Prosperity Partnership will allow Canada, the United States and Mexico to respond to a changing world through new initiatives to enhance our common security and increase the strength and competitiveness of our economies. It also seeks to deepen our cooperation with respect to the quality of life of North American citizens, through improved stewardship of the environment, food safety, and protection from infectious disease. The Security and Prosperity

Partnership sets out a workplan and minister-led working groups, which have been tasked to provide initial reports to leaders by June 2005.

In support of this continental framework, Foreign Affairs will take steps to strengthen the bilateral relationships with the United States and Mexico, and growing trilateral cooperation among the three countries. At the same time, Foreign Affairs will put renewed emphasis on the promotion of our Arctic sovereignty and circumpolar cooperation goals.

PARTNERSHIP WITH THE UNITED STATES

With our shared geography, and extensive economic, security and people-to-people ties, no two countries

