

2. Expand cooperation to increase efficiencies in customs, immigration, law enforcement and environmental protection at and beyond the border; and
3. Collaborate on common threats from outside Canada and the United States.

Prime Minister Chrétien and President Clinton also observed that the Foreign Minister and the Secretary of State play a special role in facilitating the implementation of these principles. Minister Axworthy and Secretary Albright agreed to:

1. Consult with government agencies on progress in cross-border cooperation;
2. Promote high-level dialogue among federal, provincial/territorial/state and local authorities, border communities and stakeholders toward a common vision for border management; and
3. Identify emerging issues and long-term trends in border collaboration.

In pursuit of these objectives, Minister Axworthy and Secretary Albright agreed to establish the *Canada-U.S. Partnership Forum* (CUSP) under the direction of their principal deputies for hemispheric relations.

Subsequent to President Clinton's visit to Ottawa, the Canadian Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade and the U.S. Department of State worked with other federal agencies involved in border management issues to plan CUSP meetings with border communities. Agencies that participated in this effort included Canada Customs and Revenue Agency, U.S. Customs Service, Citizenship and