

beyond trade and foreign policy<sup>1</sup>.

In order to manage the growing Canada-EU relationship effectively and to identify areas in which our dialogue should be strengthened, Canada and the EU will:

- maintain the high level dialogue at Summit and Ministerial level on critical issues facing the international community;
- make full use of opportunities for contacts between Canadian Ministers and their EU counterparts on policy issues of mutual relevance;
- establish a Coordination Group to ensure the prompt and effective implementation of decisions taken at the political level, to review all elements of the relationship and ongoing discussions between Canada and the EU, to identify new areas for cooperation, and to prepare meetings at Summit and ministerial level;
- bring the legal framework governing Canada-EU relations up to date, once the enlarged EU has concluded its process of constitutional reform.

#### **A. Advancing International Security and Effective Multilateralism**

Canada and the EU are committed to advancing international peace and security through a more effective multilateral system and through the promotion of the international rule of law. The EU-NATO relationship is an important expression of the transatlantic partnership. We share common values of democracy, respect for human rights and the rule of law. We will:

- strengthen our common approaches to international issues. This includes consultations between leaders, foreign ministers, political directors, and Troika meetings at the diplomatic level.
- work together to tackle the preeminent threats to global security: terrorism, proliferation of weapons of mass destruction, failed states and poverty. The recent EU Security Strategy marks an important contribution to this and Canada will cooperate with the EU as it implements its strategy. Canada and the EU will cooperate on efforts to prevent the proliferation of weapons of mass destruction, particularly through strengthening the implementation of and compliance with disarmament and non-proliferation treaties and agreements, and the further development of verification instruments. We are both supporting the G-8 Partnership Against the Spread of Weapons of Mass Destruction, as agreed to at the Kananaskis Summit in 2002.

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<sup>1</sup> Such as: environment, justice and security, migration and integration, fisheries, education, culture, northern development and indigenous issues, youth exchanges and transport security.