

EUROPEAN UNION

Canada-EU general relations:

- Good relations with the EU are important for Canada.
- We are currently advancing cooperation in a number of areas with the current Swedish Presidency, and are starting to do so with the upcoming Belgian Presidency (July 1-December 31, 2001)
- Canada welcomes the transformation of its relationship with the EU from one with primarily an economic focus, to one encompassing a broad policy range.
- The growing EU role in foreign and security policy, justice and home affairs offers ample scope for close cooperation.
- Canada and the EU need to continue to strive in both the bilateral and multilateral contexts to reduce barriers to transatlantic trade and investment.