

- We have decided that we would focus this update on four areas, each corresponding to a different requirement, but with obvious links between them.

- North American relations: what is our vision for our relations with the USA and Mexico?

What Political space do we have for closer integration?

What are the trade offs with the Bush Administration?

How do we address specific challenges and take advantage of opportunities?

- Security and Development: which security challenges should we concentrate on at this stage? What kind of contribution to peace and security can we best make at this juncture? What are our constraints and comparative advantages in our aid efforts? How do we best coordinate with other players? How do we ensure the coherence of our various vehicles?

- G8 relations: what key goals and initiatives do we want to pursue during our forthcoming presidency of the G8 (and G20)? How do we want to advance Canada's broader Foreign Policy interests with our G8 partners?