

**The second principle is that NATO must retain control over the disposition of its assets and capabilities. This means that the North Atlantic Council must always be informed of any proposals for EU use of Alliance assets and capabilities, must always be aware of any potential conflict between NATO and EU priorities, and must always retain the right to resolve any such conflicts.**

**I know that the development of the ESDP has raised questions in some quarters about the future of Canada's role in crisis management. After all, if the EU plays a greater role in this field, doesn't that mean a diminished role for non-EU members of NATO, regardless of consultation arrangements with the EU? Our answer is no, for three reasons.**