

## DECLARATION ON EC-CANADA RELATIONS

The European Community and its member States on one side, and Canada on the other,

- bonded by their common heritage and close historical, political, economic and cultural ties,
  - guided by their faith in the values of human dignity, intellectual freedom and civil liberties and in the democratic institutions which have evolved on both sides of the Atlantic over the centuries,
  - considering the recent revolutionary changes that have transformed the face of Europe and the new hope for durable peace and cooperation among nations on the basis of those universal values,
  - recognizing that transatlantic solidarity has played a historic role in preserving peace and freedom and can greatly contribute in the future to the continued stability and prosperity of Europe and North America,
  - resolved to strengthen security, economic cooperation and human rights in Europe by every possible means, both in the framework of the CSCE, and in other fora,
  - noting the firm commitment of Canada and the EC member States concerned to the North Atlantic Alliance and to its principles and purposes,
  - determined to strengthen peace, foster economic well-being and social progress throughout the world, and cooperate in meeting the challenges confronting all their nations,
  - building on the privileged relationship established by the Framework Agreement for Commercial and Economic Cooperation between the European Communities and Canada, signed in 1976, as well as by the arrangements agreed in 1988 on a political dialogue,
  - bearing in mind the accelerating process by which the European Community is acquiring its own identity in economic and monetary matters, in foreign policy and in the domain of security,
  - determined further to strengthen transatlantic solidarity through the variety of their international relations,
- have decided to endow their mutual relations with a long-term perspective.