

Canada and the EU will work together through the Forest Law Enforcement and Governance (FLEG) and other multilateral processes to combat illegal logging and trade in illegally harvested wood in the world's priority problem areas.

Canada and the EU have shared interests and concerns in the North, as stated in our 1999 Joint Statement on Northern Cooperation. This Canada-EU Statement has been the framework that guides our cooperation in the North. The EU's and Canada's Northern dimension policies recognise each other as key partners in the North. In the context of the Northern Dimension, Canada and the EU will:

- identify and pursue coordinated actions in the field of the environment including climate change, sustainable development and trans-boundary pollutants, especially through the EU Northern Dimension Environmental Partnership.
- work in partnership on the development and implementation of the EU Northern Dimension Partnership for Health and Social Well-being, launched in Oslo on 27 October with Canada among its founding partners.
- identify ways to strengthen links in education through the University of the Arctic and, where appropriate, the Canada-EU Higher Education Agreement.
- enhance cooperation in areas of emerging interest including transportation and communication, legal instruments, and economic development and capacity building in Russia.

Canada and the EU attach particular importance to cultural diversity. We have a shared interest in promoting cultural pluralism, as well as a shared need to ensure the promotion of recognition of cultural diversity multilaterally. We agree to examine ways to deepen our cooperation on cultural matters in international fora, including on the development of a UNESCO Convention on cultural diversity.

#### **E. Fostering People to People Links**

Our long-standing cultural, linguistic and traditional links have long built bridges between our peoples. Linkages across the Atlantic exist at all levels of government and society from the supranational to nation-state, provincial/sub-national and municipal levels. The impact of the Canada-EU relationship is significant across Canadian and European societies. We need to support these contacts and to seek new ways to foster links between our respective peoples by:

- promoting the effective participation of all citizens, especially local communities and Indigenous Peoples, in decision and policy-making.