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CANADA-EUROPEAN UNION SUMMIT

JOINT DECLARATION

Niagara-on-the-Lake, Canada

We, the leaders of Canada and the European Union (EU), met today in Niagara-on-the-Lake to build on our existing and excellent cooperation and enhance our partnership.

Our partnership is strong. Ours is a long-standing, healthy and dynamic relationship founded on the common values of political pluralism, democracy, rule of law, human rights and gender equality, and shared interests such as encouraging the development of effective multilateral institutions and a free trading, rules-based global economy.

We are also encouraged by the renewed spirit of cooperation that has re-energized transatlantic relations and fostered a positive, pragmatic working climate, enabling all members of the transatlantic community to set aside their differences and consult productively on a number of difficult issues.

The Canada-EU Relationship

Canada and the EU both place great importance on this relationship. We have each recognized the other as a strategic partner in recent statements – Canada’s International Policy Statement of April 2005 and the EU’s European Security Strategy of December 2003. It is also manifest in the Partnership Agenda we endorsed at our last Summit in March 2004.

The 55 joint initiatives therein speak to the vitality of our relationship and drive Canada-EU collaboration in five key areas: international security and effective multilateralism, global economic prosperity, cooperation on Justice and Home Affairs (JHA), cooperation on global and regional challenges, and fostering closer links between the people of the EU and Canada. Our cooperation together under the Partnership Agenda over the past 15 months has resulted in excellent progress in all of these areas, notably on security and economic issues.

We welcome the conclusion of our negotiations on an Agreement on the Processing of Advance Passenger Information and Passenger Name Record (API/PNR). The Agreement offers a concrete example of our shared commitment to enhancing security while protecting human rights and fundamental freedoms and we look forward to obtaining formal approval of this Agreement in coming months.

We also welcome the conclusion of negotiations on an Agreement Establishing a Framework for the Participation of Canada in EU-led Crisis Management Operations.

We have completed the first round of formal negotiations on a Trade & Investment Enhancement Agreement (TIEA) to expand our trade and investment with one another. The Agreement is

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