

In this context the suggestion of a Canada/European Community declaration is attractive. But the determining factor will be substance – not form. Canada is seeking opportunities to develop a dynamic, meaningful and distinctive long-term relationship with the European Community. If it is clear that such a declaration can contribute to this objective we will be ready to participate in its elaboration.

With or without a declaration the future evolution of the Community transatlantic relationship will be of critical interest to Canada. I am confident that common interests and common sense will prevail.