

3rd CSDP Symposium, Ottawa
EU-Canada: Strategic partners in a Multilateral Security Environment
Opening remarks – EU Ambassador - 28 April 2016, 8.30

Distinguished Parliamentary Secretaries,

Deputy Secretary General Serrano,

Senators, Members of Parliament,

Excellencies,

Generals and Admirals,

Ladies and Gentlemen,

- It is a great pleasure for me to welcome you at this Symposium.
- When we launched the first CSDP Symposium in 2014, our main objective was to raise awareness for the European Union as a global provider of security.
 - It still is an objective for us, but judging by the audience, I can say that we are on the right track.
 - Indeed, we feel that there is increasing understanding in Canada - among officials, experts and non-experts, of EU's increasing global role in providing security and promoting stability.

Mesdames et messieurs,

- Le Canada est un Partenaire Stratégique de l'UE.

Parmi nos partenaires stratégiques, - j'ose le dire – le Canada est l'un des plus proches de l'UE, en ce qui concerne l'histoire, les valeurs et une vision du monde partagée.
- 2016 marque le 40^{ème} anniversaire de l'Union européenne au Canada (*ouverture de nos bureaux en 1976*) et la première coopération formelle / premier Accord cadre entre la Communauté économique européenne d'alors et le Canada.
- Nous avons instauré une coopération et un partenariat extrêmement forts avec le Canada pendant toutes ces années.
- It is well-known that we already work closely together in all economic, trade relations issues, including cooperate on science, technology, innovation.

- It is less well-known that we work closely in other non-traditional sectors such as defence and security. But we do.
- Once more, this CSDP Symposium will demonstrate our existing cooperation with Canada in promoting security, stability and human rights; and possibly how to strengthen it.

Ladies and gentlemen,

- This Symposium is also a timely event - not only because of the 40years celebrations, but – and unfortunately, because in today's world, demand for security has increased.
 - Conflicts in many regions, instability and crisis, are on the rise.
 - Today's crises are more and more complex.
 - More recently, terrorist attacks world-wide have added to insecurity. Over the last months, we particularly in Europe have been hard hit. But also Canada has not been spared with horrible terrorists acts against in citizens.
- And these challenges cannot be addressed in isolation. They require increased cooperation among allies and partners.
- And here, we see our partnership with Canada as key.

Together, building upon our specific strengths, we should work hand in hand in addressing these complex crisis and challenges.

Ladies and gentlemen,

- Yesterday, we held our second EU-Canada Dialogue on Security and Defence, chaired by Assistant Deputy Minister Bugailisikis and Deputy Secretary General Serrano.

They discussed our respective policies and views on some of "priority regions", regions that are high on the international community agenda, due to their conflicts, instability and insecurity.

- Today's Symposium - entitled "**EU and Canada: Strategic Partners in a multilateral security environment**" - we chose not to focus on specific regions, but to take a more strategic overview at our priorities, our approaches, so that regions are put in a wider context.
- We will be addressing 2 major topics in 2 panels:

✓ A panel on how to take our cooperation in international security forward:

This panel would review our respective approaches, our strategic views on global security, and – possibly – identify areas, methodologies, capabilities that could be pooled to leverage on our respective strengths.

Given the many areas of conflict and instability, a wider approach allows to review our respective visions, priorities and resources, to help us identify those challenges where our cooperation would deliver the best results.

- ✓ A panel on "Women, Peace and Security". Why have we chosen this key topic?
 - Because of a growing understanding of the major role that women play - not only in conflict resolution, but also in ensuring sustainability of peace and development.
 - Because both Canada and EU have developed Action Plans towards implementing UN Security Council Resolution 1325 (Women, Peace and Security) - *and the successive Resolutions.*
 - And because we believe that there is a clear benefit in increasing our cooperation in this important field.
- Noting the excellence of our panelists, I am confident that we will have very interesting discussions at both panels.

Ladies and gentlemen,

Before we will turn to our key-note speakers, I would like to thank:

- Global Affairs Canada, as well as the Department of National Defence, for their excellent cooperation in preparing this event.
- I would also like to warmly thank the moderators and the speakers.
- Finally, my thanks also to my staff and colleagues who assisted in the organisation, and
- To all participants!

I wish all of you productive discussions and a constructive debate.

Thank you!

The Master of Ceremony takes over and introduces the key note speakers.

Background

1. PROGRAMME

08:00 – 08:30	<i>Registration & coffee</i>
08:30 – 08:45	Welcome and opening remarks <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • H.E. Marie-Anne Coninx, Ambassador of the European Union to Canada
08:45 – 09:15	Key note addresses <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Pedro Serrano, Deputy Secretary General for CSDP and Crisis Response, European External Action Service (confirmed) • The Honourable John McKay, P.C., M.P., Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of National Defence (confirmed)
Panel 1: Taking forward EU-Canada cooperation in international security	
9:15 – 10:45	<u>Moderator:</u> Mr. Satyamoorthy Kabilan , Director, National Security and Strategic Foresight, The Conference Board of Canada (confirmed) <u>Panelists:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • David Carment, Professor Norman Paterson School of International Affairs; Fellow Canadian Global Affairs Institute (confirmed) • Rear-Admiral Scott Bishop, Director General International Security Policy at Royal Canadian Navy, Department of National Defence (confirmed) • Lieutenant General Wolfgang Wosolsobe, Director General EU Military Staff, European External Action Service (confirmed) • Mr. Mark Gwozdecky, Assistant Deputy Minister for International Security and Political Affairs, Global Affairs Canada (confirmed) • Mr. Gabor Iklody, Director of Crisis Management and Planning Directorate, European External Action Service (confirmed)
10:45 – 11:15	<i>Coffee break</i>
Panel 2: Women, Peace and Security	
11:15 – 12:30	<u>Moderator:</u> Mrs. Peggy Mason , President, The Rideau Institute (confirmed) <u>Panelists:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Professor Stéfanie von Hlatky, Director of Centre for International and Defence Policy, Queen's University (confirmed) • Ms. Paivi Kannisto, Chief of Peace and Security Section at UN Women, United Nations • Ms. Anne Burgess, Director, Conflicts Policy and Security Coherence Secretariat (IRP), Global Affairs Canada (confirmed) • Ms. Clara Ganslandt, Head of Division CSDP Partnerships and agreements (confirmed)
12:30 – 13:00	Closing remarks <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Honourable Pamela Goldsmith-Jones, P.C., M.P., Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Foreign Affairs (confirmed) • H.E. Marie-Anne Coninx, Ambassador of the European Union to Canada
13:00 – 14:30	<i>Buffet lunch</i>