**Canada-United Kingdom Joint Declaration**

**Renewing Our Commitment 2015: Addressing Evolving Challenges**

The Canada-United Kingdom (UK) Joint Declaration of 2011 encouraged Foreign Ministers to meet annually to review our partnership, and to agree on joint priorities for the coming year. This is the third such meeting. We have worked closely together to further the common objectives set out in February 2014, and to respond to new challenges as they have arisen. The focus of our efforts for the coming year—based on the shared values that lie at the heart of our collaboration—will reflect progress made on long-term goals, and recent shifts in global priorities.

Promoting Economic Growth, Trade and Innovation

* **Canada-European Union Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement** (**CETA):** Following the conclusion of negotiations on the CETA in August 2014, we will re-double our efforts to promote the opportunities that the agreement offers, with a view to its timely implementation.
* **Energy Security and Climate Change:** Building on progress made in 2014, we will continue to support carbon capture and storage and the sustainable development of energy resources, including wind, maritime and nuclear, and to promote global energy security. In the context of volatile energy markets in Europe, we are working to identify and implement concrete domestic policies, to build a more competitive, diversified, resilient and low-carbon energy system. We will continue to work towards concluding a fair, effective and inclusive international climate change agreement that is applicable to all Parties and has legal force. We will communicate our intended nationally determined contributions well in advance of the 2015 Paris Conference.
* **Innovation:** Building on the success of the Canada-UK Joint Innovation Statement, we propose to expand our areas of priority to include advanced technologies, including those relating to agriculture, health sciences, space and polar research.

Securing our Countries

* **Ukraine / Russia:** We will remain steadfast in our support of Ukraine by providing training, equipment and experience in democratic governance, while maintaining sanctions pressure on Russia to fulfill its obligations under Minsk.
* **Defence and Our Militaries:** Following the NATO Summit in September 2014, we will work collaboratively with our Allies to deliver on the commitments made, which are central to our collective security. We look forward to working with NATO to ensure it adapts and evolves to the changing global security environment. We aim to complete in 2015 a re-negotiated Memorandum of Understanding covering the training of British Armed Forces in Canada.
* **Response to ISIL:** This new priority will require our close collaboration, along with that of mutual Allies, to ensure a long-term strategy to defeat ISIL and help safeguard our national security and regional stability. Canada and the UK are militarily supporting the Iraqi Government to combat extremist militants and are coordinating programming in support of affected civilians.

Promoting our Shared Values

* **Empowering Women and Protecting the Most Vulnerable:** Building on the Global Summit on Ending Sexual Violence in Conflict of June 2014, we are working together to help those who have been victims of ISIL. We will continue this effort, and work to strengthen the role of women in peace and security. We will continue to fight child, early and forced marriage, and to accelerate progress on sexual, reproductive, maternal, newborn and child health.
* **Ebola:** Military and health-care personnel and resources have been deployed by Canada and the UK to fight Ebola in West Africa. These efforts will continue, along with the advocacy and research being undertaken in both countries, including vaccine development.
* **Pluralism and Freedom of Religion or Belief:** We will continue our support and advocacy for religious freedom internationally, recognizing its links with the advancement of other fundamental human rights and the importance of pluralism and respect as sources of strength in our societies.

Strengthening our Partnership for Results

* **Joint Deployments and Action:** As our diplomats adapt to face evolving global challenges, including crisis management, the Foreign and Commonwealth Office Diplomatic Academy and Canada’s Foreign Service Institute are committed to learning from one another. Guided by mutual trust and a shared commitment to address crises and geo-political threats, we will maintain joint planning and deployment of our officials where the urgency and the need requires it. Shared approaches and assets strengthen our capacities to deliver.
* **Co-location and Shared Services:** We continue to make progress in co-location of our embassies and in sharing of services. This year we co-located in Monterrey, Mexico. We worked closely together to share best practices on delivery of consular services, carrying out a number of joint crisis exercises. We are agreeing co-locations in a number of other places, including Lusaka, Osaka, Nagoya and Kabul, and hope that these will begin operations in 2015.
* **Canada House:** This year marks an historic change in Canada’s representation to the UK, with the re-dedication and opening of an expanded Canada House in London’s Trafalgar Square in February 2015 by Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II.

In 2015, we will continue to build our close and collaborative relationship. The UK and Canada will work together towards re-invigorating the Commonwealth at the Malta CHOGM, and towards ensuring a focussed and achievable post-2015 development agenda. We will continue innovation and knowledge sharing across a wide range of globally significant subjects, including through such fora as the annual Canada-UK Colloquium.

We will continue to review and report on progress on these objectives annually, so that the Joint Declaration remains a living document reflecting our evolving shared priorities.

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