



Plenary sitting

A8-0028/2017

7.2.2017

RECOMMENDATION

on the draft Council decision on the conclusion, on behalf of the Union, of the Strategic Partnership Agreement between the European Union and its Member States, of the one part, and Canada, of the other part
(14765/2016 – C8-0508/2016 – 2016/0373(NLE))

Committee on Foreign Affairs

Rapporteur: Charles Tannock

Symbols for procedures

- * Consultation procedure
- *** Consent procedure
- ***I Ordinary legislative procedure (first reading)
- ***II Ordinary legislative procedure (second reading)
- ***III Ordinary legislative procedure (third reading)

(The type of procedure depends on the legal basis proposed by the draft act.)

CONTENTS

	Page
DRAFT EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION.....	5
SHORT JUSTIFICATION.....	6
PROCEDURE – COMMITTEE RESPONSIBLE.....	7
FINAL VOTE BY ROLLCALL IN COMMITTEE RESPONSIBLE.....	8

DRAFT EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION

**on the draft Council decision on the conclusion, on behalf of the Union, of the Strategic Partnership Agreement between the European Union and its Member States, of the one part, and Canada, of the other part
(14765/2016 – C8-0508/2016 – 2016/0373(NLE))**

(Consent)

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the draft Council decision (14765/2016),
 - having regard to the draft Strategic Partnership Agreement between the European Union and its Member States, of the one part, and Canada, of the other part (5368/2016),
 - having regard to the request for consent submitted by the Council in accordance with Article 31(1) and Article 37 of the Treaty on European Union and Article 212(1), Article 218(6), second subparagraph, point (a), and Article 218(8), second subparagraph, of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union (C8-0508/2016),
 - having regard to Rule 99(1) and (4) and Rule 108(7) of its Rules of Procedure,
 - having regard to the recommendation of the Committee on Foreign Affairs (A8-0028/2017),
1. Gives its consent to conclusion of the agreement;
 2. Instructs its President to forward its position to the Council, the Commission and the governments and parliaments of the Member States and of Canada.

SHORT JUSTIFICATION

As underlined in the EU-Canada joint declaration of 30 October 2016, and indicated in the European Parliament's resolution of 10 December 2013, the EU's relations with Canada are based on shared values as illustrated by a long history of extensive political and economic cooperation. This cooperation formally dates back to 1976 when the EU signed a Framework Agreement with Canada, the very first with an OECD country.

Canada and the EU share a strong commitment to democracy, fundamental freedoms, the protection of human rights, liberal and open trade and multilateralism. Canada has been a Strategic Partner of the EU since 1996 and is an important ally on the international scene. Canada and the EU have worked together closely on global challenges such as climate change, human rights, energy security, conflict resolution, counter terrorism and forced migration. Canada regularly contributes to the EU's civilian and military CSDP missions and is an important ally in NATO.

Canada is one of the most consistent contributors since the beginning of ESDP. Since 2003, this partner committed financial and/or human resources in 10 of 34 EU CSDP missions/operations, in 8 countries and in 3 regions. Canada is currently serving in the EUAM Ukraine, EUPOL COPPS and EUTM Mali. This support to EU peace and stabilisation efforts is highly appreciated, especially in the current context of threats to multilateralism.

This Strategic Partnership Agreement (SPA) aims to intensify this bilateral cooperation in areas such as foreign and security policy, counter-terrorism, the fight against organised crime, sustainable development, research and culture. This agreement, together with CETA, will allow EU-Canadian relations to become even stronger, aid closer cooperation and increase people-to-people contacts for the shared benefit of citizens on both sides of the Atlantic.

This Agreement also provides for political dialogue and consultation mechanisms, such as Joint Ministerial Committee and Joint Cooperation Committee which are very much welcomed. As a consolidated parliamentary democracy, Canada together with the EU, with its democratic values, should ensure that political dialogue aimed at tackling issues of common interest is not limited to cooperation at the executive level and is enriched by parliamentary cooperation between the two partners.

In view of the strategic, political and economic benefits resulting from a successful conclusion of this Strategic Partnership Agreement and its positive contribution to multilateralism, international peace and security, economic and sustainable development, justice, freedom and security, the rapporteur proposes that the Committee on Foreign Affairs recommend consent to this agreement.

PROCEDURE – COMMITTEE RESPONSIBLE

Title	Strategic Partnership Agreement between the European Union and its Member States, of the one part, and Canada, of the other part
References	14765/2016 – C8-0508/2016 – JOIN(2016)0056 – 2016/0373(NLE)
Date of consultation / request for consent	6.12.2016
Committee responsible Date announced in plenary	AFET 15.12.2016
Committees asked for opinions Date announced in plenary	LIBE 15.12.2016
Not delivering opinions Date of decision	LIBE 24.1.2017
Rapporteurs Date appointed	Charles Tannock 13.12.2016
Discussed in committee	24.1.2017
Date adopted	31.1.2017
Result of final vote	+: 48 –: 4 0: 5
Members present for the final vote	Louis Aliot, Francisco Assis, Petras Auštrevičius, Amjad Bashir, Bas Belder, Goffredo Maria Bettini, Mario Borghezio, Victor Boștinaru, Elmar Brok, Klaus Buchner, Javier Couso Permuy, Andi Cristea, Arnaud Danjean, Georgios Epitideios, Knut Fleckenstein, Anna Elżbieta Fotyga, Eugen Freund, Michael Gahler, Sandra Kalniete, Manolis Kefalogiannis, Tunne Kelam, Afzal Khan, Janusz Korwin-Mikke, Andrey Kovatchev, Eduard Kukan, Barbara Lochbihler, Sabine Lösing, Andrejs Mamikins, Ramona Nicole Mănescu, Alex Mayer, David McAllister, Tamás Meszerics, Francisco José Millán Mon, Demetris Papadakis, Ioan Mircea Pașcu, Tonino Picula, Kati Piri, Cristian Dan Preda, Jozo Radoš, Alyn Smith, Jordi Solé, Jaromír Štětina, Dubravka Šuica, László Tőkés, Elena Valenciano, Hilde Vautmans
Substitutes present for the final vote	Angel Dzhambazki, Mariya Gabriel, Mike Hookem, Othmar Karas, Antonio López-Istúriz White, Norica Nicolai, Urmaz Paet, Soraya Post, Igor Šoltes
Substitutes under Rule 200(2) present for the final vote	Raymond Finch, Jasenko Selimovic
Date tabled	7.2.2017

FINAL VOTE BY ROLLCALL IN COMMITTEE RESPONSIBLE

48	+
ALDE	Petras Auštrevičius, Norica Nicolai, Urmas Paet, Jozo Radoš, Jasenko Selimovic, Hilde Vautmans
ECR	Amjad Bashir, Bas Belder, Angel Dzhambazki, Anna Elżbieta Fotyga
PPE	Elmar Brok, Arnaud Danjean, Mariya Gabriel, Michael Gahler, Sandra Kalniete, Othmar Karas, Manolis Kefalogiannis, Tunne Kelam, Andrey Kovatchev, Eduard Kukan, Antonio López-Istúriz White, David McAllister, Francisco José Millán Mon, Ramona Nicole Mănescu, Cristian Dan Preda, László Tókécs, Jaromír Štětina, Dubravka Šuica
S&D	Francisco Assis, Goffredo Maria Bettini, Victor Boştinaru, Andi Cristea, Knut Fleckenstein, Eugen Freund, Afzal Khan, Andrejs Mamikins, Alex Mayer, Demetris Papadakis, Ioan Mircea Paşcu, Tonino Picula, Kati Piri, Soraya Post, Elena Valenciano
Verts/ALE	Barbara Lochbihler, Tamás Meszerics, Alyn Smith, Jordi Solé, Igor Šoltes

4	-
ENF	Louis Aliot, Mario Borghezio
GUE/NGL	Javier Couso Permuy, Sabine Lösing

5	0
EFDD	Raymond Finch, Mike Hookem
NI	Georgios Epitideios, Janusz Korwin-Mikke
Verts/ALE	Klaus Buchner

Key to symbols:

+ : in favour

- : against

0 : abstention