

CANADA-JAPAN JOINT DECLARATION
ON POLITICAL, PEACE AND SECURITY COOPERATION

THE PRIME MINISTERS OF CANADA AND JAPAN,

AFFIRMING that Canada-Japan relations are based on democratic values and a commitment to human rights, freedom and the rule of law;

RECOGNIZING the ever-growing political, economic, cultural and people-to-people linkages between the two countries and the shared interest in seeing relations develop further;

RECOGNIZING that the security and prosperity of both Canada and Japan are linked to the secure future of the Asia-Pacific region and beyond;

AFFIRMING their continued desire to advance international peace, security and prosperity through cooperation at multilateral fora including the United Nations, the G8 and the G20, as well as through cooperation in regional fora such as the ASEAN Regional Forum and the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation forum;

REITERATING their commitment to a world free of nuclear weapons and to working together against proliferation in all its forms, including confronting states whose nuclear activities threaten peace and security in the world;

RECALLING their shared commitment to the vision established in the 1999 Canada-Japan Action Agenda for Peace and Security Cooperation and the 2005 Canada-Japan Agenda for Peace and Security Cooperation and recognizing the many active channels of cooperation that have been established over the years between Canada and Japan;

RECOGNIZING that an effective contribution to international peace and security efforts will be implemented through a whole-of-government approach;

RECOGNIZING the need to elevate their strategic partnership so as to facilitate peace and security policy coordination and operational cooperation;

COMMITTING to working together by increasing practical cooperation among foreign affairs, defence and other related ministries and agencies of Canada and Japan, as well as between the defence forces and other security-related agencies of the two countries;

DESIRING to create a flexible and practical framework for the enhancement of peace and security cooperation between the two countries,

HAVE DECIDED as follows:

ESTABLISHING A FRAMEWORK FOR REINFORCING AND CREATING MECHANISMS OF COOPERATION

To effectively guide the work being carried out through existing and future channels of political, peace and security cooperation, the Governments of Canada and Japan hereby create a Political, Peace and Security Subcabinet "2+2" Dialogue.

The Political, Peace and Security Subcabinet "2+2" Dialogue will have the following structure and mandate:

The Political, Peace and Security Subcabinet "2+2" Dialogue will be co-chaired for Canada by the Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs and the Deputy Minister of National Defence, and for Japan by the Vice-Minister for Foreign Affairs and the Administrative Vice-Minister of Defense, in principle.

The Political, Peace and Security Subcabinet "2+2" Dialogue may invite representatives from other relevant national authorities to attend its meetings when subjects falling into their areas of responsibility are discussed.

The Political, Peace and Security Subcabinet "2+2" Dialogue will seek to meet on a regular basis, at the convenience of both sides.

In accordance with the strategic vision set out by the Ministers, the Political, Peace and Security Subcabinet "2+2" Dialogue will set the overall Canada-Japan political, peace and security cooperation agenda and exchange views on and assessments of current international political situations.

The Political, Peace and Security Subcabinet "2+2" Dialogue may review and advise, as necessary, the work of existent mechanisms such as Political-Military Talks, Military-to-Military Talks and Canada-Japan Symposium on Peace and Security Cooperation.

The Political, Peace and Security Subcabinet "2+2" Dialogue may also create temporary working groups, in addition to the existing mechanisms, to address one or more specific issues of common interest.

ENSURING FLEXIBLE AND PRACTICAL COOPERATION

The Political, Peace and Security Subcabinet "2+2" Dialogue and/or other mechanisms will approach policy coordination and cooperation through a flexible and practical framework spanning traditional, emerging and forward-looking areas of cooperation, including but not limited to:

- (i) Exchange of strategic assessments and related information;
- (ii) Disarmament and Non-Proliferation;
- (iii) Peacekeeping and Peacebuilding, including Post-conflict Reconstruction;
- (iv) Counter-Terrorism and Transnational Organized Crime;

- (v) Effective institutions for Global and Regional Security;
- (vi) Global Energy Security;
- (vii) Maritime Security;
- (viii) Natural Disaster Response, Humanitarian Assistance and Disaster Risk Reduction;
- (ix) Pandemic Preparedness and Response;
- (x) Security Implications of Climate Change;
- (xi) Space;
- (xii) Cybersecurity.

The Political, Peace and Security Subcabinet "2+2" Dialogue will ensure that the Ministers and Prime Ministers are regularly informed of progress achieved.

The Governments of Canada and Japan recognize that the vast and ever-changing nature of the international environment implies that areas relevant to peace and security evolve. As such, areas for bilateral dialogue and cooperation will be determined on a case-by-case basis under the Political, Peace and Security Subcabinet "2+2" Dialogue or the other mechanisms, and with the consent of the relevant national authorities.

Wherever possible, the Governments of Canada and Japan will coordinate their efforts at regional and global peace and security fora.

MOVING FORWARD WITH IMPLEMENTATION

In accordance with this Joint Declaration, the Governments of Canada and Japan will advance peace and security cooperation.

SIGNED at *Yokohama*, this *14* day of *November* 2010.


PRIME MINISTER OF CANADA


PRIME MINISTER OF JAPAN