



MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

OTTAWA, Wednesday, June 3, 2026

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[English]

The Standing Senate Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Trade met this day at 4:19 p.m., in room C128, Senate of Canada Building, the chair, the Honourable Peter M. Boehm, presiding.

Members of the committee present: The Honourable Senators Adler, Al Zaibak, Boehm, Deacon (*Ontario*), Gerba, Harder, P.C., Hébert, MacDonald, Ravalia, Wilson, Woo and Youance (12).

Participating in the meeting: Brian Hermon and Valérie Chevrier-Marineau, Analysts, Library of Parliament.

Pursuant to the order of reference adopted by the Senate on Thursday, September 25, 2025, the committee continued its study of foreign relations and international trade generally. (Topic: Canada—European Union relations)

WITNESSES:

As individuals:

Her Excellency Geneviève Tuts, Ambassador of the European Union to Canada, Delegation of the European Union;

The Honourable Stéphane Dion, P.C., Diplomat in Residence, Faculty of Arts and Sciences, Université de Montréal;

Achim Hurrelmann, Professor of Political Science and European Studies, Carleton University;

Amy Verdun, Full Professor of Political Science, Fellow of the Royal Society of Canada, University of Victoria (*by videoconference*).

The ambassador made a statement.

At 4:30 p.m., the committee suspended.

At 4:45 p.m., the committee resumed.

The ambassador concluded her statement.

Stéphane Dion made a statement and, together with the ambassador, answered questions.

At 5:29 p.m., the committee suspended.

At 5:34 p.m., the committee resumed.

Achim Hurrelmann and Amy Verdun each made a statement and answered questions.

At 6:09 p.m., the committee adjourned to the call of the chair.

ATTEST:

Chantal Cardinal

Clerk of the Committee