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The timing was a matter of chance, but the decision was powerfully telling: Just weeks after the election of his government in 1993, Prime Minister Jean Chretien chose as his first foreign-policy mission the Seattle summit of Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation—APEC. Ever since, Canada's relations with Asia and the Pacific Rim have commanded more attention from the Canadian public and policy-makers than at any time in our history.

## ASIA-PACIFIC: QUESTIONS AND CHOICES

economic growth, in the turmoil of social and political change throughout the region, Asia-Pacific demands new efforts of understanding by Canadians and their government.

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The purpose in this discussion is to explore some of the dangers as well as the promise in the Asia-Pacific future—and to identify a few hard choices that Canadians will have to make in our own foreign policy. Specifically:

1. To what extent, and by what measures, should Canadians promote and protect human rights in the Asia-Pacific region?
2. How can Canadians help the region's indigenous peoples find their place in the countries of Asia-Pacific?
3. How should Canadians help Asia-Pacific economies transform destructive growth into sustainable development?

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