

North Korea Roundtable Report May 1998

The report summarizes roundtable discussion on North Korea, specifically about arms and possible threats in the region and possible partnerships to address human needs and human security. In this respect, discussion focused on Canada's role regarding food and agricultural security, infrastructure development, North Korea's energy shortage, the window of opportunity for greater access created by the regime, and the need for increased official diplomatic relations with North Korea, and recognition of the difficulties of reunification.

Policy options

Canada should:

- pursue contact with North Korea, including with its technocrats, academics, as well as at the official level, and work toward the establishment of a Permanent Liaison Office in North Korea;
- promote more exchanges;
- renew CADO funding;
- see up CIDA funds for North Korea;
- perpetuate the flow of information with regard to North Korea.

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