

since 1979 when Vietnamese troops invaded and occupied the country. Canada has supported ASEAN initiatives on Cambodia and provided assistance for the relief and resettlement of Indochina refugees arriving in ASEAN countries.

While the problem of Vietnam's continuing occupation of Cambodia is expected to be a major topic of discussion at the Bangkok meetings, other important international and regional issues, both political and economic, will be discussed. The ministerial level political discussions will also provide an opportunity for Canada and ASEAN to review their economic cooperation as a follow-up to the recent inaugural meeting among officials of the Canada-ASEAN Joint Cooperation Committee which Mr. MacEachen opened in Ottawa on April 26.