

human rights, democratic development and the implementation of sound economic policies in these states is also expected to be stressed.

Throughout the world, awareness of environmental issues has increased dramatically over the past decade, and the environment has held a prominent position on the agenda of several economic summits. Implementing domestic environmental policies requires international cooperation. Leaders in Munich are expected to review the results of the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development, including the key issues of climate change, biodiversity, and the Global Environment Facility. The protection of living marine resources and sustainable forestry management remain priorities for Canada. Discussion of market-oriented instruments to further environmental protection may also be addressed.

The dramatic political developments of the last year have raised important new security concerns. The breakup of the Soviet Union and ensuing political instability in the region, combined with Iraqi and North Korean attempts to develop nuclear weapons capabilities, have brought nuclear non-proliferation to the forefront of international security concerns.

Adherence to the strategic arms reduction and non-proliferation treaties, a strengthening of the International Atomic Energy Agency and enhanced export controls on dual use material and equipment are essential components of an effective non-proliferation strategy. Leaders may consider this issue, along with the risks posed by proliferation of knowledge and expertise in the design of nuclear weapons and delivery systems.

The safety of Soviet-designed nuclear power plants in Central and Eastern Europe and the former Soviet Union will likely be discussed. Leaders are expected to consider how best to ensure that the safety requirements of these reactors are being met.

As in previous years, political issues will also be discussed by summit leaders and their ministers. Of particular importance will be the international security situation, with special attention to conflict in Central and Eastern Europe and the former Soviet Union.

Legacies of the Cold War remain in the Asia-Pacific region. Tensions persist in the Korean peninsula and the northern islands territorial dispute continues to dominate relations between Japan and the Russian Federation. These matters may also be discussed during the summit.