

such as gender equity, democratic governance, human rights education, and so on. If such values are central to Canadian foreign policy they need to be assigned priority political attention and significant economic resources.

The organizers of the Waterloo form place a high priority on encouraging participation from the business community. In the end, while there was welcome and active participation from the business community, the sector was again significantly under-represented. It is a pattern that is unlikely to change without a change in the way in which efforts are made to engage the business sector. The business community does not routinely participate in multi-sector policy conferences and dialogues (unlike the academic and NGO sectors for which such events are a normal feature of their work), and it is unlikely to become extensively involved in response to routine invitations to conferences. The process of consultation in foreign policy development will have to devote specific resources to meeting with the business sector to seek their prior input in agenda setting, and more generally, to build an atmosphere of engagement and confidence that involvement in the process is worthwhile.

Extensive discussion of Canada's relations with the Asia-Pacific region occurred in the theme areas of the five working groups. Summary reports of the working groups follow, with the discussion of each theme area divided into the policy context and policy options for the Canadian government.