

continue a substantive dialogue on non-proliferation questions and regional security to encourage China to exercise responsible international behaviour in its arms sales.

- As Pacific countries and participants in the Association of South East Asian Nations (ASEAN) Regional Forum, which deals with security issues, Canada and China share an interest in global and regional peace and security. The forum is an annual meeting of foreign ministers from the nine ASEAN countries, from ASEAN's seven dialogue partners, and from ASEAN's five consultative partners. The forum discusses key concerns such as the South China Sea-Spratly Islands, the Korean peninsula and Chinese Taipei.
- In 1997, Canada and China held a workshop on regional multilateralism to exchange views on respective approaches, perspectives and interests in regional security. Canada hosted a second workshop in January 1998.
- The third annual Canada-China Security Seminar was held in China in March 1999. The seminar provided a rare opportunity for Canadian and Chinese academics, diplomats and military attachés to exchange views.
- Canada welcomed China's decision to sign the Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty in 1996, thereby committing itself not to conduct further nuclear tests.
- Canada is working to obtain China's co-operation in restraining the international flow of conventional weapons, particularly to regions of tension and instability.

Development Co-operation

- The Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA) launched its Official Development Assistance program with China in 1983. Since 1990, Canada has provided about \$33.6 million to the Chinese government each year for development and co-operation work. For 1998-99, the total is expected to be about \$37.9 million.
- The Country Development Policy Framework for China was launched by both governments in 1994. All new Canadian programs in China focus on economic co-operation, environmental sustainability, human rights and democratic development, and good governance. Women in development and poverty reduction also figure prominently. Memorandums of understanding have been signed for over two dozen new initiatives on environmental sustainability, economic co-operation, good governance, women in development, and poverty reduction.