

Diplomatic Methods (Cont'd)

Exchange delegations were also seen as an effective means to increasing dialogue between Canada and North Korea, and as a vehicle for humanising relationships at the lower level. The most obvious exchanges can occur at the "technocratic" level, particularly in the agricultural sector. The barriers to date include visas and money to facilitate the trips.

Track I (technical assistance) and Track II (academic programs) programs should be continued in partnership with other countries, such as Australia.

Reunification

With the recent election in South Korea, an unprecedented dialogue between North and South Korea has begun. However, reunification is far from being a given. Rather - it is fraught with difficulties. The enormous cost of German reunification has made South Korea hesitant to move too quickly - it may even have the effect of ensuring that reunification does not take place. At the very least, South Korea would like the North Korean economy to be strong prior to reunification. The other factor to consider is China - a country which would be reluctant to share a 1300 km border with a potentially US-dominated unified Korea.

On a more human note, it is important to bear in mind that in many cases reunification of the two Koreas also means reunification of families. Some South Koreans have actually left good jobs at home to move to Canada in order to be able to have contact with their families in North Korea.