

The strategy targets ministerial visits to China towards priority government objectives; proposes to enhance the dialogue with the Chinese government on key Asian strategic concerns and on global arms control issues; establishes an institutional framework to ensure that Canada's strategy towards China is based upon a national consensus; lays the foundation for sectoral action plans designed to match Canadian capabilities with Chinese economic priorities; builds upon the expanding bilateral assistance program to promote shared development and economic interests in China; directs EDC and CIDA, respectively, to pursue co-financing arrangements with international financing institutions.

The strategy furthermore sets a basis for the negotiations leading to Chinese entry into the GATT in a way that meets Canadian trade policy objectives; decides that existing governmental resources will be increasingly directed to expanding academic, cultural, professional, sports, media and other exchange programs with China; recognizes the need for a simplification of visa and consular processes with China to facilitate people-to-people contacts; and calls for an expanded program of defence relations.

Mr. Clark indicated that the strategy will be implemented in close consultation with the provinces, the business community and other groups which have an active interest in Canada-China relations.