

Gorges feasibility study, the South China planning study and the model study of the hydraulic turbine for the Three Gorges project.

- b) Special attention should be focussed upon opportunities for supplying equipment and services for thermal power plants and EHV transmission developments.
- c) Federal government assistance, particularly for pre-feasibility and feasibility studies, should only be offered for projects where there is a strong likelihood that Canadian exporters will have the opportunity of bidding and winning contracts during project implementation.
- d) EDC financing at Consensus rates, or concessional rates if required to match foreign competition, should be sustained for power sector projects. Canada should consider offering concessional financing in support of implementation of the Gehe Yan hydroelectric project, for which an official request for such assistance has been received. Further requests for financing of thermal power plants can be anticipated and should receive comparable consideration.
- e) A decision on the request for additional financing for engineering studies of the Longtan project should be deferred until the results of the present studies have been analyzed and the possible justification for further assistance carefully considered.

The Task Force has concentrated its attention on the power sector in China because of its mandate from Ministers. However, this review of trade patterns and prospects between Canada and China has confirmed that there are very real opportunities for increasing Canadian exports in several other sectors. Further analysis, discussion and action by industry exporters and supporting government departments and agencies could be profitable and should be undertaken.