

- a truly engaged ASEAN-PMC;
- a form of Five Power Dialogue in South Asia; and
- a formal mechanism in Northeast Asia dealing with the Korean Peninsula, and providing the framework for a Russian-Pacific partnership.

While we see an opportunity now to extend intergovernmental dialogue, there is clearly a role for major contributions from outside government. Some have proposed a broader "track two" agenda embracing all of the region. This would be an enormous practical and intellectual contribution, which Canada would support, either focused on Northeast Asia or more broadly.

Governments now come together at the ministerial level in the ASEAN-PMC. There is a need for a more substantive agenda for these discussions. The proposals made by Australia at the last PMC offer an opportunity to build a consensus approach to regional confidence and security-building mechanisms. I emphasize that these approaches are useful also for the region as a whole, and for their extension beyond Southeast Asia.

Canada has no strict preconditions about the next steps. But four main principles are relevant for the immediate future:

- First, inclusiveness. There can be no hidden agenda. All key stakeholders must be involved, as well as those with significant economic stakes in the broader community.
- Second, any new regional framework must allow for differentiation in sub-regions, recognizing distinct security approaches.
- Third, a broad multilateral framework in the ASEAN-PMC, and possibly in Asia Pacific Economic Co-operation (APEC), must build on -- not replace -- those bilateral relationships that are indispensable to establishing a sense of confidence in the region.
- And fourth, as the building of appropriate institutions proceeds at the government level, a stronger pattern of co-operation among other communities -- notably academic -- must develop, since many of you have been at the cutting edge of the Asia Pacific security dialogue. You must continue to press governments on hard regional issues. We need you to bring your ideas to bear on wider issues of global stability, and on how the region can make a real contribution to world peace.

Over time, we expect Asia Pacific will acquire the stability and sense of self-confidence that would permit it to play a more