

Canada-Japan Forum 2000: Priorities for Follow Up

- 1) Canada-Japan Fund for Mutual Understanding (per Forum 2000 recommendation IV.1)
- 2) Canada-Japan seminar on conflict prevention and resolution (which, if successful, would be the first step in an ongoing dialogue on peace-keeping and related issues) (I.4)
- 3) Mandate the advisory group or a sub-group to act as a bilateral panel on current economic issues (would have a brief to discuss and analyze trade issues as necessary; it would study items jointly chosen by respective trade ministries, and would make non-binding recommendations) (II.4; also partly addresses II.2 and III.2)
- 4) Film Co-production MOU (we have been working on this for a considerable length of time and it is now, we believe, ready to be signed, but the Japanese are moving painfully slowly; a political impetus would be helpful)
- 5) Cooperation on Northern Development (we would earmark JSTF funding to support S&T cooperation in this sector, but the organization coordinating any activities [seminars, etc] would be outside the federal government) (III.4)
- 6) Continue cooperation on the North Pacific Environment Initiative (a bilateral panel has already been established) (III.3)
- 7) Enhanced cooperation on Human Rights (we would propose holding a Canada-Japan seminar on human rights, with "pan-Pacific perspectives on human rights" as its primary theme) (III.5)