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ASIA PACIFIC FOUNDATION: BRUK STUDY

The Honourable Allan J. MacEachen, Deputy Prime Minister and Secretary of State for External Affairs, today released the text of a study prepared by Mr. John Bruk of Vancouver on the feasibility of establishing an Asia Pacific Foundation. The study was undertaken by Mr. Bruk at the invitation of Mr. MacEachen's predecessor, the Honourable Mark MacGuigan, in October, 1981.

The idea of establishing an Asia Pacific Foundation has been discussed for some time as a means of enhancing the relationship between Canada and the countries of Asia and the Pacific, a region of growing importance for Canada both politically and economically. Such a Foundation, while somewhat removed from Government, would enjoy support from the various levels of government and the private sector. Mr. Bruk has examined the idea over the past year and in the course of his study has consulted a number of provincial governments as well as representatives of business, labour and the universities, and others with experience in relations with Asia and the Pacific. Mr. Bruk's study is being reviewed by the Government which will announce its response to his recommendations in the next few weeks.