

- Third, we must try to avoid measures that would push China towards isolation; and
- Fourth, we should try to maximize the impact of whatever measures we adopt via a relatively coordinated approach of like-minded countries.

With these basic parameters in mind, we will be analyzing various parts of our relationship, and events and proposals that come before us in the months to come, against certain criteria that have been designed to reflect the new reality in China:

- First, the existing links forged by government, industry and academics over the past decade should be preserved to the extent possible;
- Second, new initiatives in the relationship should focus on people-to-people exchanges; and
- Third, programs which benefit or lend prestige to the current hardline policies of the Chinese government, most particularly the military or state propaganda apparatus, should be avoided.

Against these basic groundrules, the series of further measures we are adopting at this time contain adjustments to most of the broad constituent parts of our relationship.

At the level of our overall political relationship with China, we will continue for the time being to defer high-level contacts with the Chinese Government. We will also continue to pursue human rights actions in UN agencies - particularly the ECOSOC and the Commission on Human Rights, and we will enhance the human rights monitoring capacity of our Embassy in Beijing. Other possible measures will be discussed at various international and multilateral events in the months to come.

The benefits of a certain amount of international unison makes it particularly important to stay in touch with our friends and allies in the weeks and months to come. The Paris Summit will be the first major meeting that will permit us to talk collectively about how to manage our China relationships, and we expect that meeting will provide the opportunity to consider the extent to which our concerns and responses are similar. This being said, it will remain important not to help the hardliners' propaganda in China set up a straw man of a western coalition ganging up on China.