

Peace and Security

- Canada and China maintain a dialogue on regional security, non-proliferation, arms control and peacekeeping. The two countries have held political security talks once each year since 1995. Canada intends to continue a substantive dialogue on non-proliferation questions and regional security to encourage China to exercise responsible international behaviour in its arms sales.
- As Pacific countries and participants in the Association of South East Asian Nations (ASEAN) Regional Forum, which deals with security issues, Canada and China share an interest in global and regional peace and security. The forum is an annual meeting of foreign ministers from the nine ASEAN countries, from ASEAN's seven dialogue partners and from ASEAN's five consultative partners. The forum discusses key concerns such as the South China Sea-Spratly Islands, the Korean peninsula, and Chinese Taipei.
- In 1997, Canada and China held a workshop on regional multilateralism to exchange views on respective approaches, perspectives and interests in regional security. Canada hosted a second workshop in January 1998.
- Canada was pleased that China signed the Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty in 1996, thereby committing itself not to conduct further nuclear tests.
- Canada is working to obtain China's co-operation in restraining the international flow of conventional weapons, particularly to regions of tension and instability.

Development Co-operation

- The Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA) launched its official development assistance program with China in 1983. Since 1990, annual government-to-government funding has been about \$32 million. For 1997-98 it was \$39.5 million.
- The Country Development Policy Framework for China was launched by both governments in 1994. All new Canadian programs in China focus on economic co-operation, environmental sustainability, human rights and democratic development, and good governance. Women in development and poverty reduction also figure prominently in the new policy framework. Letters of intent have been signed for over 20 new initiatives in the areas of environmental sustainability, economic co-operation, good governance, women in development, and poverty reduction.