

Consultative arrangements exist in other subregions of Asia Pacific, but in the North Pacific, where instability could affect adversely the interests of Canada and other nations, there is no multilateral forum to allow for the timely discussion of potentially difficult issues.

The North Pacific Co-operative Security Dialogue reflects our own concerns in this region. The North Pacific Co-operative Security Dialogue has both a governmental and a non-governmental track. It focuses on the North Pacific countries of China, Japan, North and South Korea, the U.S.S.R., the U.S. and Canada.

In our efforts, we are not relying only on models which have worked in other regions. Rather, we are basing our initiative on the specific traditions, history and geopolitical dynamics of the North Pacific.

We are encouraged by ASEAN's renewed focus on regional security issues. We support the idea of holding informal security discussions between ASEAN and dialogue partners within the PMC framework. And we hope that consultations can be widened at an appropriate time to include non-dialogue partners such as Indochina as well as China and the Soviet Union.

Canadians are heartened by recent favourable development on Cambodia. Canada has consistently supported the comprehensive draft settlement proposed by the permanent five members of the Security Council.

At the same time, we believe that, in the end, it is of fundamental importance that any settlement be "made in Cambodia," for without the complete co-operation of all factions we cannot hope to have a durable peace.

We wish to thank publicly our Indonesian colleagues for their relentless efforts in support of the peace process.

The efforts of those others involved, those within the permanent five, Thailand and Australia, have, at one time or another, kept alive the prospect for peace in Cambodia.

Distinguished Delegates, I am pleased with the progress that we are making in Canadian relations with ASEAN.

The Canada-ASEAN Centre in Singapore has completed its first year of operations and is poised to expand Canada-ASEAN co-operation across a broad range of activities. Last October, Canada hosted Foreign Ministers of ASEAN countries, and senior officials successfully concluded their talks in Ottawa in April.