

RUSSIA AND CHINA

Q. Will Canada's position on missile defence depend on what Russia and China do?

Suggested Reply

- No. Canada will determine its position based on what is in Canada's best interest nationally and globally.
- Russia and China play important roles with respect to global efforts for nuclear disarmament and the maintenance of strategic stability.
- Their views need to be taken into consideration, but they will not determine the Canadian position on missile defence.
- Prime Minister Chrétien has discussed missile defence with both the leaders of Russia and China. He has underscored the importance of continuing discussions.