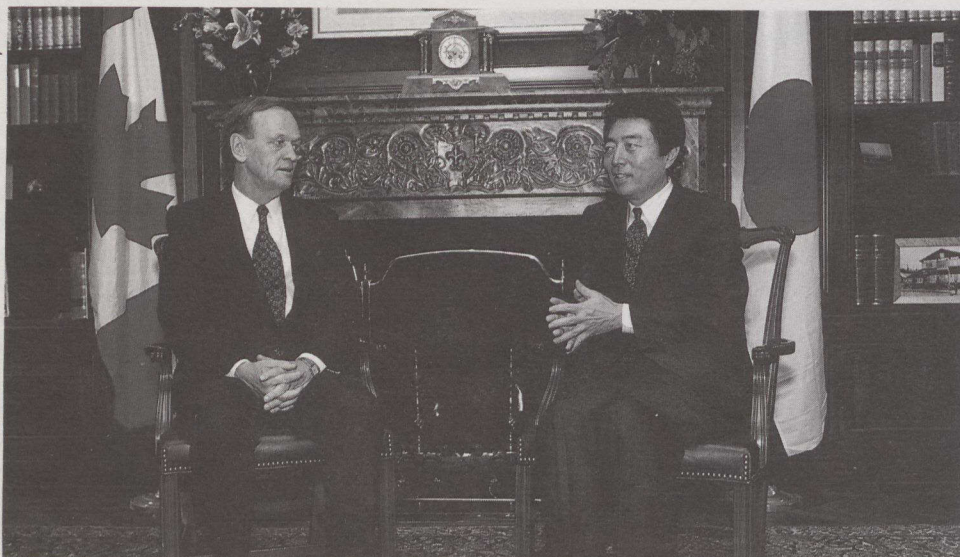


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Prime Minister Chrétien with Japan's Prime Minister Morihiro Hosokawa at the APEC Summit in Seattle in November.

## Cooperative Security

Canada's multi-faceted involvement in Asia Pacific stems from and promotes direct Canadian interests in specific issues, such as trade, the environment, immigration and human rights. It also, however, underscores the complex nature of security. Proliferation and armed conflict in Asia Pacific can adversely affect a range of economic, environmental and demographic interests for all states in the region. Yet it is from problems related to these very interests — pollution, overfishing, illegal migration and so on — that the disputes or insecurities that lead to the spread of weapons and conflict can arise. To successfully prevent conflict, it is necessary to deal with these root causes of insecurity.

Inter-state problems in Asia Pacific have traditionally been dealt with bilaterally. Only now is Asia Pacific beginning to develop the fora and mechanisms necessary to promote region-wide cooperation and raise the level of mutual trust. In Canada's view, one of the major achievements of the NPCSD was its contribution to building confidence in multilateral dialogue in the region.

One of the assets Canada brings to the region is experience in making multilateralism work. There is no substitute for the network of bilateral security arrangements which have guaranteed stability in Asia Pacific. But there are ways of complementing these arrangements so that security and stability are offered to all regional countries in an inclusive, rather than exclusive, setting. Through our activity in APEC, the ASEAN PMC, the new ASEAN Regional Forum and a variety of sub-regional cooperative arrangements, Canada will continue to help make multilateralism a credible, legitimate and workable instrument for fostering cooperative security in the Asia Pacific region.

## Forecast

*International security activities involving Canada, April through July.*

**Ongoing:** CSCE Forum for Security Cooperation, Vienna

**Ongoing:** CFE Joint Consultative Group, Vienna

**Ongoing:** Open Skies Consultative Commission, Vienna

**April 11-15:** Biological and Toxin Weapons Convention Preparatory Committee, Geneva

**April 18 - May 9:** UN Disarmament Commission, New York

**May 16-19:** Australia Group meeting, Paris

**May 16 - July 1:** CD in session, Geneva

**June 5-11:** Organization of American States General Assembly, Belem (Brazil)

**June 21-22:** Chemical and Biological Export Control Seminar, Buenos Aires

**July 15 - September 7:** CD in session, Geneva

**July 25:** ASEAN Regional Forum, Bangkok

## Acronyms

- APEC — Asia Pacific Economic Cooperation  
 ARF — ASEAN Regional Forum  
 ASEAN (PMC) — Association of South-east Asian Nations (Post Ministerial Conference)  
 CANCAPS — Canadian Consortium on Asia Pacific Security  
 CBM — confidence-building measure  
 CD — Conference on Disarmament  
 CFE — Conventional Armed Forces in Europe  
 CSCAP — Council for Security Cooperation in Asia Pacific  
 CSCE — Conference on Security and Cooperation in Europe  
 CTBT — comprehensive test ban treaty  
 CWC — Chemical Weapons Convention  
 DFAIT — Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade  
 ESDI — European Security and Defence Identity  
 HEU — highly enriched uranium  
 IAEA — International Atomic Energy Agency  
 MTCR — Missile Technology Control Regime  
 NACC — North Atlantic Cooperation Council  
 NPCSD — North Pacific Cooperative Security Dialogue  
 NPT — Nuclear Non-proliferation Treaty  
 OPCW — Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons  
 SOM — Senior Officials Meeting  
 START — Strategic Arms Reduction Treaty  
 UNDOF — UN Disengagement Force (Golan Heights)  
 UNGA — UN General Assembly  
 UNPROFOR — UN Protection Force (former Yugoslavia)  
 UNTAC — UN Transitional Authority in Cambodia  
 WEU — Western European Union

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