

In mid-April the Task Force submitted a progress report to Ministers Vézina and Kelleher which is attached as Annex III. This final report of the Task Force was prepared after the seven sector briefs were reviewed.

To respond to the mandate of the Task Force, Chapter 2 begins with an overview of prospective developments in China's economy to the year 2000 and then reviews potential opportunities for Canadian firms in the power and other major sectors. Chapter 3 examines the potential demands and sources of financial support for Canadian exporters to China. The fourth and final chapter concludes with suggested elements of a federal strategy and recommendations as how to make the best use of available federal resources to maximize exports to China.

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Working groups were created to prepare the briefs on seven sectors of concentration in China. Members of these working groups, comprising representatives of CIDA and relevant federal departments and external consultants, are listed on the title page of the seven Sector Briefs which comprise Appendices A through G of this report.

Exporters with China interests and activities were consulted widely. Those in the power sector which were contacted directly by the Task Force are listed in Annex II. Working groups in other sectors also contacted exporting firms during the preparation of the Sector Briefs. These contacts are listed in each Sector Brief.

The consulting firm of R.L. Walker & Partners was appointed to serve as Secretariat to the Task Force.

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