

India – Terrorism

QUESTION

Why did Canada agree to establish a working group with India on terrorism?

SUGGESTED REPLY

- Canada works with many countries in the fight against international terrorism, particularly our P-8 partners (G-7 plus Russia).
- Canada works at the regional level to counter terrorism with Asia Pacific countries
- India is a major regional power, and some Indian terrorist groups have had links to Canadian individuals. Thus it is in our interests to discuss these issues with India.
- During Minister Axworthy's meeting in New Delhi in January 1997 with then-Indian External Affairs Minister Gujral, we agreed to set up an informal working group to improve the already good cooperation between Canada and India in countering terrorism.

Responsive: will this target Canadian Sikhs?

- Questions on the domestic aspects of terrorism or terrorism support activities by groups in Canada should be directed to the Solicitor-General of Canada.