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Canadian foreign policy should identify Canada's security interests in Asia-Pacific as those of creating "a secure and stable environment, subject to the rule of law and characterised by sustainable development". Sustainable development should include "responsible prosperity" which involves attention to issues as diverse as pay equity and the development and enforcement of child labour laws.

GENERAL POLICY OPTIONS

Effective foreign policy development needs to include and build on a critique of current Canadian practice and existing policies.

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Canada should continue to use a variety of tools, including those of trade, investment, development and cultural exchange, to promote the adoption of appropriate systems of law, trade, labour, human rights and sustainable development/environment.

Canada should take a leading role in international fora to promote the adoption of appropriate systems of law, trade, labour, human rights and sustainable development/environment.

Civil society dialogues and exchanges need to be strengthened through formal and informal partnerships at home and abroad.

To enhance its influence and leverage, Canada needs to increase its on-the-ground representation in the region (government, non-government and commercial).

Canada should take advantage of the 10th anniversary of the UN Human Rights declaration which offers a significant opportunity to promote human rights in the region.

Although multilateralism continues to be the preferred vehicle for diplomatic intervention, Canada should continue to use other means to address regional concerns.

Canada needs to enhance the role of Canadians through the inclusion of staff and procedures of the region. Canadians through their participation in the region should help ensure the integration of diversity of opinion and

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