

support for elements of the Coalition Government of Democratic Kampuchea. More than 117,000 refugees from this region have found a home in Canada since 1975. More are expected this year, and again in 1989.¹

In April 1989, Vietnam and Cambodia invited Canada, India and Poland to form a monitoring commission to verify the scheduled withdrawal of Vietnamese forces from Cambodia. The three invited countries had previously served in a peacekeeping role in Cambodia (1954-1969), Laos (1954-1974) and Vietnam (1954-1973). The Canadian Government has established certain pre-conditions before agreeing to take part in such a mission, including agreement from all Cambodian political groups to its presence (for a further discussion of Canada's position see Peacekeeping and Observation, Chapter 20 of *The Guide*).

Regarding the Korean question, External Affairs Minister Joe Clark welcomed the July 1988 proposal of South Korean President Roh Tae Woo to improve exchanges between the North and the South. Mr. Clark declared: "We strongly support the restoration of the dialogue between North and South Korea which is critical to easing the tension on the Korean peninsula."²

PARLIAMENTARY COMMENT

NDP MP Jim Manly addressed the issue of the Indonesian occupation of East Timor in a statement made in the House of Commons on 11 August 1988. He said:

...the Special Committee on Decolonization [UN] will consider the illegal occupation of East Timor since 1975 by Indonesia. Since that time Indonesia has waged a genocidal war against the people of East Timor.... This is the human rights situation that Canada chooses to ignore. Because of extensive trade links with Indonesia, Canada turns a blind eye to its human rights abuses.... In spite of Canada's pretence that our development assistance is linked to human rights, Indonesia remains one of our largest aid recipients.³

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