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Introduction

At its fall Montreal meeting the Foreign Affairs Minister's Advisory Board (Professor Janice Gross Stein, Chair) recommended public policy issues in 1997. In January the first combined meeting of the National and Vancouver Organizing Committees for the APEC Peoples Summit determined six policy areas for attention: women, sustainable development, human rights, free media, participation of aboriginal peoples and youth. In February and March the Centre initiated a number of Roundtables across Canada to facilitate public views and policy discussion of some of these issues.

SUMMARIES OF ASIA-PACIFIC ROUNDTABLES

Summaries of Roundtables are available below. Included are: Human Rights and Business and Codes of Conduct Issues (Calgary), Women and Economic Development in Asia (Vancouver), Indigenous Heritage Rights and APEC (Saskatoon). Other Roundtables included a survey discussion of Sustainable Development interests (Vancouver), Participation of Aboriginal Peoples (Victoria), Central Asian Security (Ottawa).

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Organizers and participants deserve generous thanks for their work and for responding quickly and enthusiastically to these initiatives. The Roundtables were designed to generate ideas and if possible policy options. They are not the defining "consultations" on the issues. In coming months, including the National Forum 1997 which is also considering some of these issues, the participation of Foreign Affairs officials, and the participation of Foreign Affairs officials, will lead to policy discussions. Publication is meant to help continue public-government discussion and policy development.

- Human Rights and International Business
- Codes of Conduct
- Indigenous Heritage Rights and APEC
- Women and Economic Development in Asia
- Open Markets, Open Media ?

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