

Canada-Japan Action Agenda for Peace and Security Cooperation

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One of the newest and most promising areas of bilateral Canada-Japan cooperation is that of peace and security. It is an area in which both Canada and Japan make a positive contribution internationally. In their meeting today, Prime Ministers Chrétien and Obuchi shared the view that the Governments of Canada and Japan will proceed to intensify their cooperation in the area of peace and security by engaging in the following activities.

DIALOGUE/INFORMATION EXCHANGE

- Bilateral symposiums on peace and security cooperation will be held every second year to complement the official Political-Military Talks. At the first symposium in Vancouver in September 1998, a number of ideas were advanced for wider-ranging bilateral cooperation. The next symposium will be held in Japan in the fall of 2000.
- Political-Military Talks will be maintained every two years at senior levels. The objective of the Talks is to enlarge the policy dialogue on global, regional and bilateral issues.
- Canada and Japan will establish a biennial lecture series on peace and security issues, moving the dialogue beyond the current core of government officials and academics. The lecture series will be inaugurated in Canada in November.

HUMAN SECURITY AND PEACEBUILDING

Dialogue on Human Security and Peacebuilding

- Safety and dignity of people is an international concern. Recognizing human security as a key component of their foreign policies, the Governments of Canada and Japan will explore the coordination of approaches and activities on human security.
- Promoting and building capacity for peace are important international priorities. The two governments will increase dialogue and cooperation on peacebuilding issues.
- Both sides will explore ways to support dialogue, research and conflict resolution capacity in Africa on African security problems.

Symposium on Peacebuilding for Development

- A major Canada-Japan symposium is being held in Tokyo September 16-17 on peacebuilding for development. This symposium brings together Canadian and Japanese NGOs, government representatives and academics to exchange views on, and experiences in, peacebuilding and development, and to explore possibilities for joint cooperation in

this area.

- As follow-up to the Canada-Japan Symposium on Peacebuilding for Development, both sides will hold a subsequent workshop in a third country.

Peacebuilding Cooperation in the Field

- The Governments of Canada and Japan will explore the application of official development assistance (ODA) for cooperation in post-conflict peacebuilding.
- Both sides will support collaboration among Canadian and Japanese NGOs that wish to undertake peacebuilding activities, and promote personnel exchanges between NGOs involved in peacebuilding.

COOPERATION ON DISARMAMENT AND NON-PROLIFERATION

- The Governments of Canada and Japan appreciate their ongoing cooperation on Mine Action in Azerbaijan, Peru/Ecuador and Central America. The two sides will explore the possibilities of further cooperation on Mine Action using both multilateral and bilateral channels. In this regard, both governments intend to enhance cooperation on landmines issues in Afghanistan. They will explore possibilities of working together in other countries as well.
- The Governments of Canada and Japan will continue close cooperation on the issue of small arms and light weapons.
- Reflecting the call of G8 Summit Leaders at Cologne, both governments will encourage collective effort to address the problems of missile proliferation.
- The two sides will cooperate in efforts to advance the nuclear disarmament and non-proliferation agenda. This will include cooperation on activities related to the Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty (CTBT) Article XIV Conference, Fissile Material Cutoff Treaty negotiations, UN General Assembly first committee debate, and the quinquennial Nuclear Non-proliferation Treaty (NPT) Review Conference in 2000.

COOPERATION BETWEEN DEFENCE AUTHORITIES

- The annual talks between defence authorities continue to provide a firm foundation for bilateral defence exchanges and a key mechanism for exploring areas of future cooperation.

- The Governments of Canada and Japan recognize the importance of intensifying visits by senior defence officials.
- To further strengthen bilateral cooperation, both governments will endeavour to search for new opportunities for bilateral contact between Canadian Forces and Japan Self-Defense Forces while building on current ones. The two sides will also exploit opportunities for contact between members of the Canadian Department of National Defence and the Japan Defense Agency in the context of multinational security dialogues.

TOMORROW'S SECURITY ARCHITECTURE

- The Governments of Canada and Japan will explore new cooperative activities in the ASEAN Regional Forum (ARF) context. In particular, the two sides will investigate the possibility of jointly sponsoring ARF-related activities in the area of preventative diplomacy.

Strengthening the Rule of Law

- Both governments will support the International Court of Justice and will explore ways to cooperate to bolster this organization. The two sides will maintain efforts to establish the International Criminal Court.

Cooperation in the UN

- The Governments of Canada and Japan renew a firm commitment to UN Security Council reform efforts to better equip it to deal with global challenges.
- The two sides will cooperate closely in promoting human security at the UN by encouraging the organization to deal with various issues from the perspective of human security and also by encouraging it to conduct discussions at next year's UN Millennium Summit with a view to human security.
- Both governments will collaborate with other like-minded countries at the UN to promote the consideration of options to strengthen the protection of civilians in armed conflict.

Peacekeeping Cooperation

- The Governments of Canada and Japan both appreciate their current close cooperation in peacekeeping, as seen in UNDOF. Both sides will increase dialogue on peacekeeping operations and training for military and civilian peacekeepers, including civilian police. Both governments will cooperate with regard to the UN's capacity for peacekeeping operations.

- Given the increasing role of civilians, including civilian police, in UN peacekeeping operations, the two sides will endeavour to exchange views on capacity-building for civilian deployment.