

popular and effective development program used by Canadian exporters to increase sales abroad. Sales resulting from this program will exceed \$1 billion for the third consecutive year.

The Going Global investment program capitalized on investment opportunities in Asian, Pacific and Western European markets.

INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS AND MULTILATERAL COOPERATION

During the past year, the United Nations (UN) has become more active and important in the face of momentous political events around the world. On January 1, 1989, Canada began a two-year term on the UN Security Council, the first since 1977-78.

Canada made a significant contribution in personnel to the UN Military Observer Group in support of the Central American peace plan. Canadian civilian observers were also attached to UN and Organization of American States (OAS) teams monitoring the Nicaraguan elections.

The development of global standards for human rights made slow but steady progress, with Canada playing an active role. Canadian delegates at numerous international conferences both initiated and supported action to

improve the status of women in industrialized and developing countries.

Canada is becoming increasingly involved in 40 associations of the Francophone world community and has invested \$55 million over two years in 24 projects.

Regarding the environment, the issue of overfishing in the Northwest Atlantic consumed much diplomatic energy involving meetings and a public information campaign. As a result, Canada drafted and sponsored a UN resolution to control high-seas driftnet fishing.

In the area of nuclear issues, Canada continued its work in the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA). The Canadian representative served as chairperson of the Board of Governors of the Agency in 1989.

CANADA'S REGIONAL RELATIONSHIPS

The Department worked towards enhancing Canada's relationships with countries around the world. Positive

steps were taken in many cases to support peace and democracy and to encourage development and trade.