

some base facilities that might otherwise be closed down or remain dormant.

Since NATO includes most of the world's major industrial states, the Alliance has undertaken a successful program of co-operative projects concerned with the environment, under the auspices of its Committee on the Challenges of Modern Society. NATO also has a Science Committee that meets regularly to exchange views and experience on scientific questions of common concern.

Conclusion

Canada has contributed to and benefited from its NATO association in a variety of ways suggested above. Apart from this, Canada's NATO membership can play an increasingly significant role in strengthening relations with the countries of Western Europe as they develop their political and economic unity through the European Economic Community. The European members of NATO attach importance to the Alliance as the guarantor of their security, and Canada's active participation in the political and military activities of NATO will, it is hoped, have a positive impact as its relations with the new Europe develop.

