

Canada-Brazil Relations

- Canada and Brazil established diplomatic relations in 1941. Since then, Brazil has become increasingly important to Canada as a partner in hemispheric and global affairs.
- Canada is represented by an embassy in Brasilia, a consulate general in Sao Paulo, and a trade office in Rio de Janeiro. Canada has honorary consuls in Rio de Janeiro, Salvador da Bahia and Belo Horizonte.
- Brazil and Canada share a commitment to multilateralism and are active on a number of international issues. The two countries work closely to ensure that democratic development and human rights remain at the forefront of hemispheric concerns by co-chairing the Working Group on Human Rights and Democratic Development at the Organization of American States. Both work jointly on peacekeeping, arms control and the environment. Brazil was the first Latin American country to confirm its support for Montreal as the home of the Biodiversity Secretariat.
- Brazil and Canada have similar approaches to UN reform and have supported each others' candidacies to international institutions. Brazil pledged its early support for Canada's bid for a non-permanent seat on the Security Council for the 1999-2000 term, and Canada is supporting Brazil's bid for the 1998-1999 term.
- During the January 1995 trade mission to Brazil, the Prime Minister witnessed the signing of five bilateral agreements which included a memorandum of understanding (MOU) on high level political consultations; an MOU on the establishment of a joint economic and trade council; an audiovisual co-production agreement; a treaty on extradition; and a treaty on mutual assistance in criminal matters. Political consultations also took place in Ottawa in December 1995 and in Brasilia in February 1997. In May 1996, during the visit to Brazil of Canada's Minister of Foreign Affairs, the two nations signed a nuclear co-operation agreement.
- The governors of the states of Rio de Janeiro and Minas Gerais visited Canada in 1995 and 1997, respectively, accompanied by large business delegations. The government of Manitoba led a business delegation to Brazil in the spring of 1996, as did Quebec in September 1996 and Ontario in the spring of 1997.
- The federal environment minister led an environmental technologies mission to Brazil in November 1996, where he signed an MOU on