

## ***Efforts to Counter Proliferation***

Canada promotes:

- consultations with other concerned countries;
- consultations with Canadian industry;
- precautions regarding chemicals of concern; and
- precautions regarding chemical plant, production equipment and know-how.

Since 1985, Canada has held regular consultations with a group of countries on measures to be taken at a national level in response to chemical weapon use in the Gulf War and the proliferation of chemical weapons in general. Great progress has been made, during the course of these consultations, in efforts to harmonize national policies. Other participants are the EC states, Australia, Austria, Japan, New Zealand, Norway, Switzerland and the United States.

Participants in these international consultations have also initiated dialogue at the national level with industry representatives. In Canada, such exchanges have taken place over some years, commensurate with the industry's scale of production of chemicals of concern. This dialogue has confirmed the government's view that Canadian industry is determined to avoid involvement in chemical weapon proliferation, and that industry recognizes that such involvement would be detrimental to its reputation as well as to future business.