

## CHAPTER 8 INTERNATIONAL LAW

### *Highlights*

- *A significant new direction was taken through the signing of 16 agreements with the U.S.S.R.*
- *After two years of effort by a Canadian interdepartmental team, a successful out-of-court settlement of all claims against the International Tin Council was reached.*
- *Canada played an active role in the elaboration of the Convention on the Rights of the Child, which was adopted by the UN in November 1989.*
- *In the area of international criminal law, extradition treaties were signed with Spain, the Philippines and the Netherlands.*

According to the Department of External Affairs Act, the Secretary of State for External Affairs shall foster the development of international law and its application in Canada's external relations as the Minister carries out the duties specified under the Act.

This chapter describes some of the legal issues dealt with by External

*Acronyms for this chapter are listed on page 125.*



*Prime Minister Mulroney, France's President Francois Mitterrand (left) and Quebec's Premier Robert Bourassa contribute to proceedings at the Franco-phonie Summit in Dakar, Senegal in May 1989.*

Affairs and International Trade Canada (EAITC) and its Legal Affairs Bureau during the period under review. However, as many of the activities of the Department have a significant legal dimension, legal issues and the work of the Legal Affairs Bureau are also reflected in other chapters of this report.