

CANADIAN POSITION

Canada continues to favour dialogue with Algeria to convey its concerns and those of Canadians. Prime Minister Chrétien sent a special envoy to Algeria at the height of a terrible wave of violence in early 1998. A parliamentary delegation headed by the Minister of State and Government House Leader Don Boudria also visited Alger to communicate Canada's views to Algeria's highest officials. A delegation from Algeria's Senate visited Canada to meet with Canadian parliamentarians.

Canada was one of the few countries to express its concerns about the continuing violence in Algeria during the last **UN General Assembly**.

The dialogue approach favoured by Canada has enabled a few Canadian NGOs to travel to Algeria. Furthermore, Canada is the only country working with Algerian authorities to implement a psychological assistance project for child victims of the violence in Algeria.

Canada continues to base its policy on strong condemnation of terrorism, the pursuit of political and economic reforms, assistance for the victims of violence and transparency in managing the security situation.