

CANADA-JORDAN BILATERAL RELATIONS

Since the establishment of diplomatic relations in December 1964 Canada has had a cordial and growing relationship with Jordan. The evolution of this relationship has been facilitated by the Jordanian government's moderate, pro-Western stance.

There have been numerous official visits between Canada and Jordan in recent years. Various Canadian Ministers have visited Jordan and King Hussein has come to Canada several times, most recently in 1981. These visits have provided the opportunity for productive exchanges of views on the Middle East situation, particularly in view of Jordan's role as an important player in the search for a peaceful resolution to the region's disputes. Canada has been supportive of King Hussein's efforts in this regard.

Canadian exports to Jordan totalled approximately \$5 million in 1985, mainly wheat, sulphur, steel, machinery, pharmaceutical products and telecommunications equipment.

Canada has provided Jordan with direct developmental assistance, to a total of \$900,000 since 1980. Jordan has also benefitted from CIDA's Industrial Cooperation Program and Special Programs (together with non-governmental organizations). The IDRC has undertaken a number of projects in Jordan, in cooperation primarily with the Jordanian Royal Scientific Society. Canada has also provided assistance to Jordan through contributions to the UNDP, UNICEF and UNFPA.