

Environment Neutral Drainage Program, to focus on the prediction, prevention and control, and long-term management and monitoring of potential acid-generating tailings and waste rock. A number of successful technological solutions have been developed for preventing and mitigating this problem. However, technical solutions need to be applied and diligently maintained to protect the environment.

### **The Special Session**

The June 1997 Special Session of the United Nations General Assembly will be an important forum for review of the implementation of Agenda 21 with respect to chemical management. To that end, Canada proposes

- that, recognizing that minerals and metals possess distinct roles and behaviour in the environment, minerals and metals be considered a distinct category under chemicals so that they can be appropriately managed; and
- that, in recognition that recycled materials/metals are essential input components to metallurgical industries, recyclable materials destined for recovery operations, on the one hand, and wastes destined for disposal, on the other, will be differentiated and regulated in accordance with a risk-based approach.