

To maintain the democratic process and social peace, the Canadian government, in keeping with the priorities of its foreign policy, agreed in May 1996 to assume command of the United Nations' peacekeeping force in Haiti. The mandate of this force may be extended to July 31, 1997.

In addition to the bilateral program, the Canadian Partnership Program enables Canadian non-governmental organizations, the Haitian community in Canada and the private sector to co-operate in rebuilding the country.

Finally, Haiti benefits from the active and influential presence of Canada in multilateral development organizations such as the United Nations' programs for development, UNICEF, the International Committee of the Red Cross, the Inter-American Development Bank and La Francophonie. CIDA exerts its influence within these organizations to strengthen their leadership, improve the co-ordination of development assistance and promote measures that are in keeping with Canada's priorities for development.

Program of Co-operation with Central and Eastern Europe

The member countries of La Francophonie in Central and Eastern Europe are Moldavia, Romania and Bulgaria. CIDA's co-operation program supports these countries' transition to the market economy and democracy and promotes the development of sustainable ties with Canada in communications and investment.

In Romania, CIDA emphasizes development of the private sector and of financial institutions, democratization and sound management of the energy sector. The Agency has contributed \$2.6 million for the creation of the Securities Commission and the Bucharest stock exchange.

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