

*Med-Eng protective demining gear at work in Peru. Similar suits were purchased by Canada for use in Yemen and Jordan.*

Canada is also providing technical assistance to the United Nations Development Program's Accelerated Demining Program (UNDP/ADP). Three DND technical advisors are helping to build local capacity through survey and database training of indigenous staff. A total of \$275,000 was disbursed to the UNDP/ADP to purchase equipment. The training component of Canada's contribution is particularly critical to ensuring long-term sustainability of the mine action program.

### Peru-Ecuador

A commitment to mine clearance along a disputed border between Peru and

progress in demining was the lack of a sound level one national survey to help it set priorities for national mine action. To address this need, CIDA is funding a five-year, \$10.46 million Integrated Country Program in Mozambique which will provide a national level one survey, survey equipment and geospatial mapping. An assessment mission completed in September 1998 confirmed the need for a program encompassing a full range of training and institutional and technical support, as well as the core survey and mapping work.

In fiscal year 1998-99, CIDA allocated \$425,000 for the Mozambique mine action program. The Sydney, Nova Scotia-based Canadian International Demining Centre (CIDC) was contracted to carry out the level one survey and deployment began in March, 1998.

Ecuador is one of the cornerstones of a series of peace agreements signed between the former adversaries in October 1998. Canada and the Organization of American States (OAS) are eager to assist these efforts to permit demarcation of agreed-upon boundaries as a way of encouraging stability in the region.

Peru and Ecuador each received \$50,000 to support Phase 1 of a demining plan for their shared border. This money was used to purchase demining protective gear produced in Canada by Med-Eng Systems. Canada continues to work through the OAS to support the implementation of a Phase II plan for border mine clearance, and in the spring of 1999, contributed \$300,000 in seed money to a newly-created OAS trust fund dedicated to raising funds within this hemisphere to clear mines along the Peru-Ecuador border.