

FOREWORD

This is the sixth edition of the annual statistical summary of international cultural relations activities undertaken by the Department of External Affairs. The collected data demonstrates the full spectrum of these activities by country, geographical area and discipline. A series of graphs and numerical tables contrasts such general indicators as the percentage of total funds expended by region, and by country. These are presented to facilitate analysis and comparisons of particular interests.

The level of expenditures in 1986-87 was \$9 062 858 as opposed to \$8 039 263 in 1985-86, therefore 12.7 per cent higher than in the previous year. The budgetary level in 1986-87 was increased by 5 per cent or \$462 837.

The year 1986-87 marked the beginning of a re-orientation of geographical priorities, a redefinition of some programs, including the one for literature and publishing, and the addition of a new program dealing with the exchange of students and young workers. A continuous effort is made to orient the program to those geographical regions where Canadian foreign policy interests are most intensely engaged. For the immediate future the intent is to strengthen our already extensive efforts in the United States, maintain approximatively the high level of activity in Europe and increase the efforts in Asia and the Pacific. Limited sustained programming in individual priority countries of Latin America, Africa and Middle East will be developed. The elements of sports, arts and academic programming will be cohesively applied in order to maximize the potential impact.