

in Western Europe. In addition, cultural, academic and labour exchanges were facilitated by the issuance of 67,591 visas to visitors, students and temporary workers in Western Europe.

In 1989, Western European posts placed an overriding priority on control-related issues. Canadian missions, in close cooperation with airlines and airport officials throughout Western Europe, worked to stem the flow of illegal immigrants attempting to enter Canada on false visas or forged travel documents. Canada's commitment is to provide airport and airline personnel with assistance in evaluating the authenticity, validity and acceptability of documents held by travellers to Canada. These efforts were augmented by the deployment of Immigration Control Officers at six posts in Western Europe: Bonn, Brussels, The Hague, London, Paris and Rome. As a result, area enforcement liaison visits are now more frequent and have a wider scope, while intelligence effectiveness and collaborative activities with local authorities and airlines have been enhanced. Indeed, for Western Europe, in the first four months of 1990, the number of interceptions of inadmissible persons travelling to Canada is already 86 per cent of the

1989 12-month total. At the same time, Canadian missions in Western Europe placed a high priority on monitoring and reporting on host country and European cooperative efforts to deal with the rapidly growing numbers of asylum seekers and economic migrants moving into Europe from the East and from the developing world. As the influx of asylum seekers threatens to exceed the absorbing capacity of European states and spillover effects are experienced in North America, Canada will continue to work to develop cooperative mechanisms with European partners to address this growing international problem.

Of special note, promotional campaigns undertaken by Canadian missions in Western Europe, in conjunction with the provinces, helped attract \$120 million of the approximately \$1 billion dollars that investor immigrants brought to Canada in 1989. Further, entrepreneur class immigrants processed at Western European posts in 1989 are committed to creating 1,357 new jobs for Canadians.

Canada's commitment to refugee resettlement was strongly maintained in 1989. Missions such as Athens, Ankara, Bonn and Rome issued 13,019 visas to convention refugees and designated