

One of the first—and strongest—anti-terrorism messages emerged from the North Atlantic Treaty Organization, when it invoked Article V of its Charter for the first time in the alliance's more than 50-year history. Canada strongly supported NATO's move and pledged direct military support. Canada's contribution, called Operation Apollo, includes naval vessels as well as air surveillance and transport units for the war against terrorism.

Canadian officials also set to work immediately with other countries and organizations on an intense diplomatic campaign to build broad support for fighting terrorism. These organizations include the G8, the Organization of American States, the Asia Pacific Economic Cooperation forum, the Commonwealth, La Francophonie and, most important, the United Nations. With Canadian support and leadership, all have taken a tough anti-terrorism stand through leaders' statements, resolutions, action plans and other measures. Along with economic issues and Africa, anti-terrorism will figure prominently on the agenda of the G8 during Canada's presidency this year.

"The United Nations has a unique and indispensable role to play," Foreign Affairs Minister John Manley told the UN General Assembly on November 10. "While the campaign against terrorism will be conducted through coalitions of different state actors, alliances and organizations, this is where it must ultimately all come together in its political, diplo-

matic, legal, economic, humanitarian and security dimensions."

Accordingly, Canadian diplomats are actively supporting the role of the United Nations.

On September 28, the UN Security Council passed Resolution 1373, which calls on states to take specific steps that will choke the flow of funds to terrorists and sever their support networks. Canada welcomed this resolution and has implemented many of its provisions. In a first report to the UN Counter-Terrorism Committee, submitted on December 14, Canada outlined substantial actions it has taken to combat terrorism.

Canadian diplomats are also completing the ratification of the Convention Against Terrorist Bombing and the Convention for the Suppression of Financing of Terrorism. This will make Canada full party to all 12 existing UN counterterrorism conventions. Negotiations are under way on the 13th convention, the Comprehensive Convention Against International Terrorism. That convention will ensure that all terrorist acts are condemned under international law.

Finally, diplomatic efforts are continuing on making the International Criminal Court a reality; only 12 more ratifications are still needed (as of December 31). The creation of the court will represent an extremely significant step in the ongoing struggle to eliminate impunity for the worst crimes known to humankind. ♣

## CANADA LOVES NEW YORK

In an outpouring of affection for America's largest city, thousands of Canadians converged on New York for the December 1 weekend.

By car, bus, train and plane, they headed for the "Canada Loves New York" rally—a show of solidarity with a community still reeling from the devastating attacks of last September. The brainchild of Senator Jerry Grafstein of Toronto, the private-sector event was organized by volunteer groups in Canada and New York.

The national anthem of Canada rang through the streets of Manhattan as singing crowds made their way to the Roseland Ballroom. There 2500 filled the hall for speeches by prominent figures—including Canada's Prime Minister Jean Chrétien—and musical performances by leading Canadian artists. Thousands more watched the event on a giant screen outside.

New York Mayor Rudolph Giuliani called the rally a "wonderful display of friendship" and presented Mr. Chrétien with a proclamation declaring December 1 "Canada Loves New York Day." "This is a truly overwhelming response by the people of Canada," said Mr. Giuliani.

The Prime Minister paid tribute to the rescue workers, firefighters and police officers who had risked and, in many cases, lost their lives as they helped save others from the collapse of the World Trade Center towers. Mr. Chrétien called the city "a symbol of endless courage—and that is, my friends, why Canada loves New York."