

## **Canada–Jordan Relations**

- Canada and Jordan have enjoyed a strong relationship since they established diplomatic relations in 1964. Both countries have embassies in each other's capital and share membership in the United Nations, the International Monetary Fund and the World Trade Organization.
- The late King Hussein, accompanied by Queen Noor, visited Canada in 1995. Crown Prince Hassan visited the country in 1996 followed by King Abdullah and Queen Rania in May of 1999.
- Canada's Minister of Foreign Affairs visited Jordan in 1997 and the ministers of Industry and of National Defence visited the country in 1999.

## **Peace and Security**

- Canada appreciates the vision and leadership Jordan has shown in its involvement in the Mideast peace process. In 1994, Jordan signed a peace treaty with Israel. It also participates with Canada in all working groups of the multilateral peace process, where it has demonstrated the ability to get stalled peace talks moving.
- There are 11 Canadian Forces personnel with the United Nations Truce Supervision Organization group that is helping supervise the general armistice agreements concluded separately between Israel and Egypt, Lebanon, Jordan, and Syria.
- For many years, Jordan has been providing shelter and services to its population of 1.4 million Palestinian refugees. It plays a key role in assisting Canada in its capacity as chair of the Refugee Working Group. Both countries are also active in the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East.
- In 1998, Jordan ratified the international landmine ban treaty, and Queen Noor has assumed a leading role in promoting the cause of demining. Canada has contributed \$300,000 to a demining project which it operates with Norway and Israel in the Jordan Valley.
- Canada and Jordan have served together in peacekeeping missions in the Balkans.