

**HIGHLIGHTS OF CANADA'S FIRST YEAR AT THE OAS**

- 27 October 1989**      The Prime Minister announces in San Jose, Costa Rica that Canada will seek full membership in the OAS
- 13 November**        Secretary of State for External Affairs addresses Permanent Council and signs the OAS Charter
- 8 January 1990**      Canada ratifies the OAS Charter and officially becomes a member
- 1 February**          Secretary of State for External Affairs proposes measures for strengthening OAS, in Calgary speech
- 25 February**        Canadian experts participate in OAS electoral observer mission for election in Nicaragua
- 17-20 April**         Solicitor General participates in OAS-sponsored Ministerial Meeting of Inter-American Drug Abuse Control Commission at Ixtapa, Mexico
- 4-8 June**            Minister for External Relations and International Development addresses General Assembly at Asuncion
- Canadian proposal to establish a Unit for Democratic Development is accepted unanimously by the Assembly
- Assembly agrees on reform of financial quota system
- Canada is elected to the Inter-American Drug Abuse Control Commission (CICAD)
- 16-27 July**         Canada hosts training seminar in Ottawa, with RCMP and Inter-American Drug Abuse Control Commission
- 29 September**       Executive Director of Inter-American Human Rights Institute meets with Canadian officials in Ottawa