

## CYPRUS AT A GLANCE

### *Cyprus-Canada Relations:*

- Canada was a major contributor to the United Nations Peacekeeping Force in Cyprus (UNFICYP) from 1964-1993 when Canada maintained a battalion-sized contingent of soldiers on the Island. More than 50,000 Canadians served in **Cyprus** during that period, which claimed the lives of 28.
- Two-way trade between **Cyprus** and Canada was CAD\$11.1 million in 2003.
- Canada and **Cyprus** work together through their shared membership in the UN, OSCE, and the Commonwealth.
- **Cyprus** and Canada have signed a number agreements including air transport and double taxation.
- In June, 2002, Secretary of State for Central and Eastern Europe and the Middle East, Gar Knutson, led a successful business delegation to **Cyprus**.

### *Canada, Cyprus and the European Union:*

- Canada and **Cyprus** will both benefit from the innovative Canada-EU Trade and Investment Enhancement Agreement (TIEA) that seeks to stimulate bilateral trade and investment, trade facilitation and sustainable development.
- Canada and **Cyprus** will work together on EU issues of common interest identified in the Canada-EU Partnership Agenda, including people-to-people links, global governance, promotion of prosperity, and international security.
- Canada, **Cyprus**, and the EU seek a mutually acceptable negotiated settlement under the auspices of the UN Secretary General, to achieve peace, stability, and prosperity in a reunited **Cyprus**.
- Through the EU, Euro-Atlantic links provide an important means to promote relations, building on the existing ties between the expatriate communities living in **Cyprus** and Canada.