

Conclusion

contributing CDN\$5 million to the country program of the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) in Jamaica, and CDN\$3 million to UNICEF's program on Sexual and Reproductive Health Services for Adolescents in Guatemala; this will support efforts by the national public health system and participating NGOs to strengthen the delivery and quality of services for adolescents. A three-year, CDN\$686,000 project through the Association des centres jeunesse du Québec seeks to improve child protection in Chile. The project is reinforcing the capacity of the Chilean National Child Service and its collaborating institutions to improve the quality of child welfare and rehabilitation services for young offenders.



At a regional level, Canada is supporting the Inter-American Children's Institute, a specialized OAS agency. A CDN\$300,000, three-year project is helping to develop child labour policies and legislative models for governments in order to provide greater legal protection to children and youth.

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Canadians can be proud of the role played by Canada through its Chairmanship of the Summit of the Americas process, which began in November 1999. As Chair, Canada made a commitment to ensure that the Declaration and Plan of Action emerging from the Quebec City Summit of the Americas reflected the principles and the essence of our country: the strengthening of democracy; the creation of prosperity; and the realization of human potential. Canada also remains committed to ensuring that this Plan of Action continues to be implemented both in Canada and throughout the Hemisphere.

The work does not end with the passing of the torch to Argentina on June 9, 2003. On the contrary, Canada's leading role on issues such as engagement and transparency requires that we continue to be in the forefront. Canada will continue to propose new ways to proceed in building upon the growing cooperation among our countries and our peoples in the shaping of our shared Hemisphere.

For more information on Canada's engagement with the Hemisphere and the Summit of the Americas process, please consult the following Web sites:

AmericasCanada.org

Canada's leading on-line source for information about the social, cultural, political and economic issues and events that bind the 34 democratic countries of the Western Hemisphere.

Canada.gc.ca

The official Web site of the Government of Canada, including links to the departments and agencies involved in the Summit process.

OAS.org

The official Web site of the Organization of American States.

summit-americas.org/default.htm

The official Web site of the Summit of the Americas Information Network.