

### CANADIAN POSITION

Through its embassy in Tel Aviv and appropriate representations at the international level, the Canadian government is following the situation closely and maintaining a dialogue with the parties concerned, in particular the Israeli government and the Palestinian Authority. Canada is contributing to bilateral and multilateral aid programs designed to promote democratic development and greater respect for human rights.

At last year's Commission on Human Rights, Canada supported the recommendation of the Special Rapporteur on the Human Rights Situation in the Occupied Territories that his mandate be terminated. Like the Special Rapporteur, Canada believes that the best guarantee of respect for human rights lies in the establishment of normal peaceful relations to ensure security for all. However, this does not mean we should cease to denounce violations of human rights. Another approach might be to place this mandate on the same footing as other country rapporteurs, to be reviewed on a yearly basis in light of developments.