- Two major Canadian agencies are active in social rehabilitation. CARE Canada's projects target the elderly and the most vulnerable war-affected families. Working through the Muslim-Croat Federation's Ministry of Health and the universities of Sarajevo, Tuzla and Mostar, Queen's University is helping with health sector reform through a project to establish family medicine as the foundation of primary health care. Queen's University is also leading the community-based rehabilitation component of the World Bank's War Victims Rehabilitation project. As well, Canada is helping to repair the war-damaged premises of the medical faculty at the University of Sarajevo with work carried out under the supervision of Canadian military engineers serving with the NATO-led Stabilization Force.
- The Canadian embassy in Sarajevo has a budget for rapid responses to local reconstruction priorities.

## **Democracy Building**

- The development of democratic institutions must go hand in hand with the reconstruction of the economy. One way that Canada has supported democracy building is through international organizations working with civilians.
- A significant portion of Canada's assistance in democracy building has been provided through support to the office responsible for the civilian aspects of the Dayton peace agreement and for the mandate of the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE), particularly with respect to its role in organizing elections in Bosnia-Herzegovina.
- Within days of the signing of the peace agreement in Dayton, Canada's assistant chief electoral officer was invited to participate in a small international experts advisory group formed to establish the technical and financial requirements for the elections.
- Canadians worked on the preparations for the September 1996 national elections, and six Canadians helped prepare for the September 1997 municipal and the November 1997 national assembly elections. A large number of Canadian experts were also assigned to senior management positions, including deputy chair of the Provisional Elections Commission. Other Canadians were engaged directly by the UN Volunteers Program to help supervise voter registration and the local elections preparations at the polling station level.
- Since early 1996, a Canadian has served as deputy head of mission, responsible for human rights at the OSCE mission in Sarajevo, and other Canadians have served in the Human Rights Co-ordination Centre at the