

## **EXPLANATORY NOTE**

This is Canada's first report on the Summits of the Americas process. It focusses primarily on the 1998 Santiago Plan of Action. References to mandates originating from the 1994 Miami Summit of the Americas are also included, as many of the commitments from Miami continue to be implemented. The report is divided into four sections that mirror the four main themes of the Santiago Plan of Action. These four themes are in turn broken down into 28 sub-themes, each with at least one corresponding action item. Throughout the report, action items are highlighted in bold type. Achievements described represent a summary of the work Canada has done in support of summit mandates and in related areas. This report is a resource document and each section may be read independently. Every effort has been made to provide information that is as accurate and complete as possible.