

## THE SUMMIT OF THE AMERICAS ON THE WEB

Once again, our hemispheric neighbours are coming to Canada, this time to Québec City in April 2001 for the Summit of the Americas. To provide you with an overview of the event, the Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade has set up a comprehensive Web site ([www.AmericasCanada.org](http://www.AmericasCanada.org)). This is a leading on-line source of information about the social, cultural, political and economic issues, and the events that bind our Hemisphere together. From in-depth



information on issues to wide-ranging cultural events, **AmericasCanada.org** has it all: **The Park**, for example, is an on-line magazine that features personality profiles, book reviews, essays and artistic explorations from across the Americas. Connect from it to the YouthZone, a highly informative and entertaining site featuring **Cool Links** to videos, music, art, games, science and the environment. You can also learn about the Americas or test your knowledge by taking the **Hemisphere Quiz**. ●—

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## DID YOU KNOW THAT ...

Some **8000** delegates participated in the **United Nations Millennium Summit** in New York, from September 6 to 8. The Summit was covered by more than **5500** journalists and other media representatives from all over the world.

Another first was the presentation by U2 singer **Bono** of a **petition** calling for the cancellation of the debts of the poorest countries. Over **21.2 million** people around the world have signed the petition, breaking the world record for the **most signatures** ever collected on any single issue. Signatures were collected from over **155 countries**.

During the Summit, some 40 instruments of **international law** were signed, ratified, or acceded to by leaders of at least **85 countries**. The **treaties, conventions** and additional **protocols** covered defence of **human rights**, measures to circumscribe the use and proliferation of **deadly weapons**, and protection of the **environment**.

By far the greatest support went to two new protocols to the **Convention on the Rights of the Child**: close to **50** countries signed each of these, while others ratified them. The protocols seek to prevent children under age 18 from participating in **armed conflict**, and to eliminate **trafficking in children, child prostitution** and **child pornography**.

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### In our NEXT ISSUE

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Due in March 2001, the **Canada World View** spring issue will focus on the upcoming Summit of the Americas, to be held in Québec City in April 2001. We will explore the major issues confronting the Americas: the effects of globalization, the drug problem, the environment, human security issues and more.

