

## **RECOMMENDATION 18**

**The longer term role and capabilities of Canadian diplomatic, defence, and development assistance resources in advancing the Middle East peace process should be re-assessed in the context of the forthcoming review of Canada's international policies announced by the Government in February 2004.**

The overall question of Canada's long-term role and capabilities in the international arena is a focus of the International Policy Review process, and the specific question of the Middle East Peace Process was addressed during the consultation and development process. While the forthcoming International Policy Statement does not make specific reference to this issue, the current draft reaffirms the Canadian approach to advancing the Middle East Peace Process by singling out traditional Canadian emphasis on diversity, tolerance, regional peace and security/stability, human rights, and good governance in our foreign policy.

## **RECOMMENDATION 19**

**The Government of Canada should strongly encourage the Government of Jordan to continue along a path of liberalizing socio-economic, democratic, good governance and human rights reforms. Canada should also pursue cooperation with Jordan on regional peace and democracy-building objectives, including cultivating channels for inter-faith dialogue and for political dialogue at both official and civil society levels.**

The Government's programming in Jordan and elsewhere in the Middle East and North Africa is based on the reduction of poverty and income inequality, support of good governance and stronger democratic institutions and the enhancement of human security. CIDA programming dovetails well with Jordanian priorities.

The Government's support of Jordan's strategy for "Education reform for the knowledge economy" has leveraged support from the World Bank, the European Investment Bank, the Islamic Development Bank, the US, the UK, Germany and Japan. The Government has invested over \$20 million in e-learning in schools, in e-learning equipment and training for the Ministry of Education and in a broadband network linking universities, colleges, schools, post offices and telecentres throughout Jordan. Canada-funded projects in Jordan also support technical and vocational training, waste water management, waste recycling, power generation, rangeland management and women entrepreneurs.

The Government has also provided funding to the Regional Human Security Centre in Amman, which fosters a human security dialogue, especially on human rights, governance and small arms proliferation, throughout the Middle East and North Africa; its location in Jordan is testimony to that commitment to the international Human Security Network. Canada has also supported the Jordan Royal Human Rights Commission in providing human rights training for Jordanian judicial and police personnel, to bring Jordan into compliance with its obligations under UN human rights conventions.