

The **Dakar Summit**, among other things, confirmed this evolution of the Agency and made it the Summit Co-ordinating Secretariat, authorized to submit program and budget proposals, and to provide logistical support for operations.

This entire evolutionary process was formally ratified at the **ACCT General Conference of Ministers**, in Ottawa in December 1989. On that occasion also, the organizational reforms and program adjustments prescribed by the Summits were approved, and **Jean-Louis Roy** was elected **Secretary-General of the ACCT**. Mr. Roy, a Quebecker, received the firm support of the federal government, which viewed the position as particularly important given the enhanced role the Agency was to play in the Summits.

The ACCT's **current challenge** is therefore to demonstrate its ability to carry through with the 82 projects announced at Dakar. This is obviously a test for the ACCT, in that its immediate goal could be to become the real executive secretariat of the Summits, somewhat like the Commonwealth Secretariat. This would amount to another qualitative change in the mandate and prerogatives of the ACCT (if the next Summit should so decide),



The Right Honourable Brian Mulroney, Prime Minister of Canada, shakes hands with Mr. Jean-Louis Roy, the Quebec General Delegate in Paris, who became the Secretary-General of the ACCT at the December 1989 General Conference in Ottawa.