

Canada-Republic of Honduras Relations

Bilateral Relations

- Canada established diplomatic relations with Honduras in June 1961.
- The Secretary of State for Latin America and Africa, Christine Stewart, visited Honduras in October 1994.
- Canada has encouraged President Carlos Roberto Reina to pursue his attempts to improve the human rights situation in his country.
- Canada welcomes Honduras' commitment to economic liberalization and Central American integration.

Trade Relations

- In 1995, two-way trade between Canada and Honduras stood at \$69.5 million. Major Canadian exports to Honduras (totalling \$19.7 million) include: urea, styrene, polypropylene, newsprint and semi-chemical wood pulp. Major Canadian imports from Honduras (totalling \$49.8 million) were lumber, bananas, melons, fresh vegetables and coffee.
- In addition to the current Canadian exports to Honduras, possibilities exist for the supply of agricultural inputs, including agrochemicals, fertilizers and breeding stock. Prospects also exist for the supply of auto parts.

Development Assistance Co-operation

- Canada's bilateral development assistance program in Honduras focuses on natural resources management in the fields of agriculture, water and forestry.
- The Hardwood Forest Development Project promotes employment generation for local communities and the sustainable management and protection of the hardwood forest. An initial \$11.5 million phase of this project was completed in 1995. A second, five-year \$5.8 million phase began in November 1995. It will implement improved forest protection, management, harvesting, and marketing activities that directly benefit the local population.