

## **Canada–Sweden Relations**

- Relations between Canada and Sweden are positive, constructive and essentially free of irritants. The common elements in the outlook of the two nations have led to similar commitments to UN reform, peacekeeping, development assistance, an improved environment, democratic development, human rights and the emerging agenda on human security and conflict prevention.
- Following successful collaboration on the anti-personnel landmine ban treaty, Canada and Sweden with a number of other countries are investigating the problem of the manufacture and trade in light weapons and small arms.
- Canada and Sweden are engaged in efforts to create a child protection focal point with the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe.
- The Swedish Minister for Development Co-operation, Migration and Asylum Policy addressed the Winnipeg Conference on War-Affected Children in September 2000, and the Canadian Minister for International Cooperation spoke in Stockholm in March 2001 at the European Union seminar on children affected by armed conflict and forced displacement.
- Canada and Sweden work closely together on the Arctic Council — a group of countries and organizations working on issues such as sustainable development, environmental monitoring, and conservation in the circumpolar region.
- In the 1996 census, one per cent of Canadians identified themselves as being either fully or partially Swedish by ethnic origin.

## **Trade and investment**

- The volume of trade between Canada and Sweden is growing. Canada's exports to Sweden reached \$355 million in 2000. While Swedish exports to Canada totalled nearly \$1.8 billion, Canada's main exports to Sweden were zinc and lead ores, machinery (including electrical), wood, aircraft and spacecraft parts, fish and seafood, vehicles, tools and cutlery, and medical instruments. Sweden's main exports to Canada were machinery (including electrical), pharmaceutical products, vehicles, iron and steel, medical instruments, tools and cutlery, furniture and bedding, and plastic.
- In 2000, the total of Swedish direct investment in Canada stood at nearly \$2.31 billion, an increase of more than 250 per cent over the past 10 years. This makes Sweden the seventh-largest European investor in Canada and