

### **Defence and Security Co-operation**

- Canada and the United States have long co-operated on peace and security issues as founding members of the United Nations and the North Atlantic Treaty Organization. They are also partners in other multilateral groups, such as the Asia-Pacific Economic Co-operation forum, the Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe and the Organization of American States.
- The North American Aerospace Defence Agreement, which is due for renewal in 1996, has been the cornerstone of North American air defence since 1957. Talks on renewal of the agreement are expected to begin soon after the February 1995 visit to Canada of U.S. President Bill Clinton.

### **Environmental Co-operation**

- Over the years, Canada and the United States have built an intricate network of co-operative arrangements for managing their shared environment.
- The oldest formal mechanism is the 1909 Boundary Waters Treaty, on which the 1987 Great Lakes Water Quality Agreement is based. Other legal agreements include the 1916 Migratory Birds Convention, the 1986 Agreement on the Transboundary Movement of Hazardous Waste, the 1987 Agreement on the Conservation of the Porcupine Caribou Herd, and the 1991 Air Quality Agreement.
- Both nations are pleased with the progress of the 1991 Air Quality Agreement, which focusses on acid rain emissions. Both countries have taken steps to reduce emissions of sulphur dioxide and to implement caps on these emissions.
- Canada's sulphur dioxide reduction program is well established with reductions ahead of schedule. Canada is on track in meeting the caps placed on emissions for the 1994-2000 period. The U.S. government and industries have undertaken major efforts to implement the acid rain program. They are implementing a phased sulphur dioxide reduction program at power plants as part of their obligations under the agreement.
- Canada and the United States conduct a number of programs to clean up and protect the Great Lakes environment. Canada looks forward to continued co-operation with the United States to improve Great Lakes water quality.