

- 2) Canada also provides financial assistance for project activities through OAS specialized organizations such as the Pan American Health Organization, the Inter-American Institute for Cooperation on Agriculture and the Inter-American Commission of Women. Canada serves on the Boards of several of these organizations.
- 3) On a broader level, Canada is participating actively in deliberations of the Permanent Council on the U.S. Government's "Enterprise for the Americas" initiative. These discussions are consistent with the OAS Charter, which identifies economic, social and cultural development as an essential purpose.

5. **Objective:**

To stimulate informed dialogue and understanding on Latin American issues touching on Canadian interests.

**Activities:**

- 1) The Secretary of State for External Affairs announced on May 24, 1990 the establishment of the Canada-Latin America Forum, aimed at increasing knowledge and awareness of major issues affecting Canada and Latin America. Housed within the North-South Institute, the Forum receives funding from several sources, including External Affairs and International Trade Canada, for seminars and studies on emerging Latin American and OAS issues.
- 2) An active public communications program has helped stimulate interest in Canada's role at the OAS. Specific activities include the Canadian Cultural and Education Exhibit at OAS Headquarters in Washington, D.C. in September 1990 as part of Canada Week, and speeches throughout the year on OAS issues at the ministerial or ambassadorial level. For example, the Secretary of State for External Affairs gave a speech on Canadian policy towards the OAS and Latin America at the University of Calgary on February 1, 1990.