

The Bureau was responsible for the Canadian contribution on political issues to two important international meetings. The Paris Summit was held in July 1989 and the Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting took place in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, in October 1989.

A regular analysis of trade and economic data was published through the Bureau, and included a quarterly publication of Canadian trade figures.

In the past year, the Policy Development Bureau hosted the first quadripartite foreign policy planning talks among Canada, the United States, Japan and Australia. This was significant because to date there have been

no multilateral institutions, such as the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) or the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD), in the Asia-Pacific region.

For an in-depth discussion of future trade and economic policies (post-1992), the Bureau held a "Think-in" at St. John's, Newfoundland. Minister Crosbie and all senior Departmental personnel attended the meetings.

The Policy Development Bureau also coordinated the Departmental proposition for adoption of the legislation that would allow the Government of Canada to assess the environmental impact of any decisions it takes.

B. DEPARTMENTAL MANAGEMENT

The Corporate Management Bureau is responsible for management of Departmental resources. This critical task has become more and more challenging due to expenditure restraint. One of the Bureau's primary functions is to direct annual planning so that resource allocation reflects Departmental priorities. New funding was obtained to help penetrate European and Asian markets more effectively. Funds were also obtained for the purposes of increasing immigration

processing, implementing the Canada-U.S. Free Trade Agreement, participating in the Uruguay Round of Multilateral Trade Negotiations, hosting the Open Skies Conference and providing economic assistance to Poland and Hungary.

In December 1989, the Department launched a fundamental Corporate Review of its services and functions. The results will be used to respond to a Cabinet-imposed expenditure reduction of \$10 million in the first year,