

## **6) Research and Evaluation**

A number of Canadian NGOs, researchers and consultants also reported having conducted research on aspects of the small arms problem including: the effects of small arms, small arms trafficking, approaches to developing regulations in different contexts, as well as evaluation of interventions. They reported undertaking a variety of forms of research using a range of techniques; empirical, policy, action research through NGOs as well as university based centers

### **Opportunities to Strengthen and Exploit Canadian Capacity**

Few Canadian NGOs or researchers are devoted exclusively to the issue of small arms or follow up to the 2001 Conference. Nevertheless, even a cursory review of activities and experience reveals a wide range of skills and expertise directly relevant to aspects of the follow up to the Programme of action. Further work needs to be done to strengthen the networks and collaboration among Canadian NGOs and researchers as well as between Canadian and international groups. Clearly there are opportunities to leverage Canadian experience and skill while building increased capacity at home and abroad to address the problem of small arms.