

CANADIAN POSITION

Chairman Shevardnadze met Prime Minister Chrétien and Foreign Minister Ouellet during a visit to Canada in March. A declaration of Canadian-Georgian friendship and cooperation was signed, and Canada announced \$2 million in humanitarian assistance. Additional disbursements of aid are under consideration.

We have a small but growing bilateral relationship with Georgia. A Canadian expert was recently in Tbilisi to help draft a new constitution. Our embassy in Ankara has also identified a suitable candidate for human rights training programs in Canada.

Canada has agreed upon request to contribute nine people to an expanded UNOMIG in Abkhazia, and one person to the CSCE mission in South Ossetia once requests are received from the UN and the CSCE.