

- The Canada–Israel Industrial Research and Development Foundation was established in 1993 to promote co-operation in research and development firms in the two countries. Funded by the two governments, the foundation has approved \$10 million to support more than 28 projects.
- A double-taxation agreement between Canada and Israel came into effect in 1976.

### **Regional Co-operation Activities**

- As Israel is an industrialized country, it does not qualify for Canadian development assistance. However, the Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA) supports Israeli activities that contribute to peace in the Middle East.
- Since 1993, the regional Canada Fund for Dialogue and Development has contributed \$2.3 million to Israeli and Arab community-based groups to encourage co-operation and reconciliation.
- As a result of the multilateral peace process, the Regional Operational Hydrologists' Training Program trains professionals from Jordan, the West Bank and Gaza, and Israel. The program, which aims to increase opportunities for co-operation among the countries, will receive \$1 million over three years.
- The McGill University Middle East Program in Civil Society and Peace Building offers social work training and is helping to improve housing conditions in poor areas of Amman, Nablus and East Jerusalem. As well, the program involves Israelis, Palestinians and Jordanians in regional activities promoting peace and collaboration. CIDA is contributing \$3 million over the next four years to these initiatives.