

## Notes on Methodology

*The statistics in this Ninth Annual Report were prepared by the Export and Import Controls Bureau of the Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade. The following should be noted regarding the statistical tables:*

- ◆ As explained in the Foreword, the tables do not include exports to the United States, which are estimated to account for over half of Canada's exports of military goods and technology.
- ◆ The dollar values shown on export permits are the authorized limits of potential exports and do not necessarily reflect actual export values. Therefore, in order to verify what shipments are actually made against each Group 2 (Munitions) permit, all permit holders are required to report on permit utilization on a quarterly basis. The Annual Report is based on that information. Permit holders are now required to report against each individual permit; this enables more precise data capture than in past years.
- ◆ "Military goods" are defined as goods specifically designed or adapted for military use and controlled under Group 2 (Munitions) of the Export Control List (ECL). Descriptions of ECL Group 2 items have been slightly revised to provide greater details for the reader using internationally accepted terminology.
- ◆ Figures reflect information received as of the date of this report. Late entries will be reflected in future annual reports. For example, the totals for 1997 have been revised to reflect additional information received since publication of the 1997 Annual Report.