

Canada has played an active role in this process. We have recently contributed to it by ensuring that the EAPC addresses two of the most important emerging issues in the new security environment: the efforts to control the proliferation of small arms and to eliminate the scourge of anti-personnel mines. The EAPC has taken on a major role on small arms in the Euro-Atlantic region, a major "supplier" zone, taking active steps to pool and disseminate expertise on such key issues as stockpile management, export controls, collection as part of peacekeeping operations and destruction techniques. The EAPC mine action program is geared to promoting political support for stockpile destruction as well as facilitating concrete stockpile destruction programs. The latter includes a special Trust Fund which Canada was instrumental in setting up.