

## HIGHLIGHTS OF THE WASTE AUDIT LESTER B. PEARSON BUILDING



- The average annual weight of waste generated at the Pearson Building is 283,186 kilograms. Twenty-seven of the products found comprise over 64% of the weight and can easily be recycled!
- Some surprising figures:

| Product                    | Waste Type               | Landfill % | Recycling % | Total Yearly Weight (kgs) | Hauling Cost (\$) | ***Total Annual Cost (\$) |
|----------------------------|--------------------------|------------|-------------|---------------------------|-------------------|---------------------------|
| Research Paper and Reports | Paper                    | 15.11      | 84.89       | 36222.58                  | 536.81            | 69130.58                  |
| News and Reports           | Computer Paper           | 0.00       | 100.00      | 2347.86                   | 0.00              | 5156.20                   |
| Coffee Grinds              | Organics                 | 100.00     | 0.00        | 20615.27                  | 2021.91           | 16939.02                  |
| Globe and Mail             | Old News Print           | 93.85      | 6.15        | 7886.62                   | 725.90            | 6224.18                   |
| Supply Boxes               | Old Corrugated Cardboard | 100.00     | 0.00        | 8933.05                   | 876.14            | 7340.06                   |
| Juice Bottles              | Glass                    | 100.00     | 0.00        | 6416.84                   | 629.35            | 5272.55                   |
| Food Waste                 | Organics                 | 100.00     | 0.00        | 22847.61                  | 2240.85           | 18773.28                  |

\*\*\* Includes purchasing, hauling and personnel costs.

- **What is being done to reduce the amount of solid waste at the Lester B. Pearson building and missions abroad?**

The principal waste reduction strategies include:

- Implementation of Phase II of the Pearson Waste Reduction Plan, involving the formal launch of the new multi-material recycling centres to be placed on every floor (Summer, 1994);
- Composting of cafeteria waste (food preparation waste and coffee grinds only); and
- Finalization, testing, distribution, and completion of mission environmental audit questionnaire.