

International Experience

The success of Canadian products in Canada has created a demand for these technologies in many other countries with a similar need for rural-type telecommunication facilities. For example, SR Telecom has delivered rural systems to about 50 countries, where this equipment has earned an enviable reputation through years of rugged use. Spar has provided China with advanced, thin-route satellite earth station facilities. In fact, 22 stations have been installed and another 11 are planned. Together they will become an important element in extending China's rapidly developing network into the underserved regions.

Canada actively supports the activities of the International Telecommunications Union (ITU) in its leadership role of co-ordinating and assisting the development of modern telecommunications infrastructures throughout the world. The Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA) shares with the ITU the

same priority of human resource development. Canada has renewed its commitments to ITU's training-sharing system and supports ITU's objective of bringing mankind within easy reach of a telephone by the early 2000s. Canada has been and remains a pioneer in developing appropriate technologies for remote and rural areas.

Canada is also a member of and contributor to the

- World Bank,
- African, Asian, and Inter-American Development Banks,
- Commonwealth Telecommunications Organization,
- Pacific Telecommunications Council,
- Inter-American Telecommunications Conference,
- Agence de Coopération Culturelle et Technique, and
- a number of other regional organizations.

