

to environmental projects across the hemisphere. Canada also provides specific financial contributions for environmental projects by CIES, such as those in the Amazon Region.

- 3) At the General Assembly at Asuncion, Canada was elected to the expanded Inter-American Drug Abuse Control Commission (CICAD), effective January 1991. Prior to formal membership, Canada had worked closely with CICAD and contributed funds to support hemispheric cooperation in combating illicit traffic and drug abuse. The RCMP helped CICAD organize the first inter-American training seminar on drugs for high-ranking police officials in July 1989; a similar seminar was held in Ottawa in July 1990.

Canada's Solicitor General attended CICAD's Ministerial Meeting in Ixtapa, Mexico in April 1990, which identified priorities for an Action Program comprising legal development, preventative education, community action, a drug documentation centre, and statistical systems.

- 4) Canada pursues environmental and drug abuse control objectives through membership in other OAS specialized organizations working on these issues such as the Pan American Health Organization (PAHO) and the Inter-American Institute for Cooperation in Agriculture (IICA). Canada hosted the International Conference of Drug Regulatory Authorities at Montebello in April 18-20, 1990, sponsored by PAHO.

4. **Objective:**

To contribute to economic growth and stability in the hemisphere; and to support developmental activities initiated by the OAS.

Activities:

- 1) Canada has pledged financial contributions for OAS technical cooperation projects with member states through the OAS Voluntary Fund and other OAS funding mechanisms.