

exporters. As a medium-sized country with limited fiscal resources, it is vital that we operate in a stable international economic system that is based on rules. Specifically, Canada's economic and trade policy will try to:

- ▶ advance our interests through multilateral, regional and bilateral trade negotiations and consultations;
- ▶ contribute to the development of more effective approaches to the international debt problem;
- ▶ encourage the integration of economies in transition (Central and Eastern Europe, including the U.S.S.R.) into the international trade and payments system, and the participation of newly industrialized economies in multilateral negotiations and organizations;
- ▶ vigorously promote trade and investment in knowledge-based and service industries; and
- ▶ maintain Canada's competitiveness in areas where we are already successful.

Our quality of life can be sustained only through effective national and international measures to protect the environment. Therefore, Canada will seek to:

- ▶ establish an effective legal foundation for international environmental standards, to which all countries are committed;
- ▶ integrate environmental considerations in decision-making by international financial and other institutions; and
- ▶ help developing countries to carry out their international environmental obligations.

Securing Democracy and Human Values

During the past few years there have been democratic revolutions in Central and Eastern Europe, as