

cooperation to strengthen both security and facilitation. One of *Border Vision's* accomplishments has been an information-sharing agreement between Canadian and U.S. immigration agencies to facilitate exchange of intelligence on illegal migration.

The *Cross-Border Crime Forum* focuses on transnational crime problems such as smuggling, organized crime, telemarketing fraud, money laundering, missing children and cybercrime. One example of the *Crime Forum's* work has been the development of binational threat assessments. (Further information on binational organizations is at Annex 1.)

There is growing binational cooperation between provincial /state and local governments, as well. An innovative regional initiative is the B.C.-Washington Corridor Task Force. The Task Force was established by the Premier of British Columbia and the Governor of Washington and given a mandate to enhance provincial-state cooperation with respect to transportation, border issues, tourism and growth management. Although the initial focus of the Corridor Task Force was on the I-5 Corridor connecting Vancouver and Seattle, economic development in the interior of the province and state is a growing priority.

Canada-U.S. Partnership Forum

During their October 8, 1999 meeting in Ottawa, Prime Minister Chrétien and President Clinton congratulated agencies responsible for managing the border for the excellent progress made since the announcement of the *Shared Border Accord* in 1995. The two leaders reaffirmed the following guiding principles for Canada-U.S. border cooperation:

1. Streamline, harmonize and collaborate on border policies and management;