

commonality of interest and purpose between the two countries.

A priority objective of Canadian policy in the Middle East has been to provide active support for those regional leaders who are involved in the search for peace and to identify concrete contributions which would support this objective. The role of Jordan as a moderate state in the Middle East peace process is significant from this perspective. On June 1 to 3, HRH Crown Prince El-Hassan Ibn Talal of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan paid an official visit to Canada in response to an invitation issued by Joe Clark in Amman in April 1986. The visit provided an opportunity to review the expanding bilateral relationship

between Canada and Jordan, including trade and economic co-operation, and to discuss major international issues, in particular the search for peace in the Middle East.

The Middle East remained an important market for Canada, demonstrated by the \$2 billion of Canadian goods and services exported to the region in 1987. Canadian companies participating in the active Fairs and Missions program of the Department were successful in identifying business opportunities, with 90 per cent of participants reporting new sales as a result of the program.

Canada's trade relations with Israel were characteristically mature and stable. Israel represented a major market for Canada in the Middle East, as reflected in trade exchanges

Table 12
CANADIAN TRADE WITH THE MIDDLE EAST

(thousands of dollars)

| Canadian exports to: | 1985 | 1986 | 1987 |
|------------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| Bahrain | 5 984 | 7 604 | 11 439 |
| Egypt A.R. | 191 147 | 132 952 | 83 529 |
| Iran | 58 792 | 35 683 | 168 093 |
| Iraq | 66 188 | 105 435 | 119 636 |
| Israel | 132 606 | 127 191 | 146 321 |
| Jordan | 5 040 | 6 090 | 5 713 |
| Kuwait | 29 092 | 24 366 | 20 133 |
| Lebanon | 10 775 | 17 561 | 10 139 |
| Oman | 8 940 | 5 906 | 4 050 |
| Qatar | 5 544 | 7 642 | 3 616 |
| Saudi Arabia | 230 758 | 211 985 | 267 862 |
| Libya | 94 384 | 74 123 | 28 781 |
| Syria | 41 649 | 12 307 | 8 875 |
| United Arab Emirates | 18 872 | 24 276 | 22 292 |
| Yemen, South | 3 011 | 10 295 | 5 706 |
| Yemen, North | 16 804 | 4 674 | 2 819 |
| TOTAL | 919 586 | 808 092 | 909 004 |
| Canadian imports from: | 1985 | 1986 | 1987 |
| Bahrain | 92 | 3 594 | 1 649 |
| Egypt A.R. | 30 637 | 5 118 | 34 018 |
| Iran | 143 237 | 208 682 | 110 304 |
| Iraq | 469 | 815 | 80 801 |
| Israel | 93 025 | 129 955 | 116 355 |
| Jordan | 117 | 1 633 | 587 |
| Kuwait | 137 | 293 | 564 |
| Lebanon | 864 | 1 060 | 1 570 |
| Libya | 37 652 | 22 727 | 0 |
| Oman | 304 | 4 380 | 49 417 |
| Qatar | 219 | 594 | 290 |
| Saudi Arabia | 23 768 | 186 894 | 175 134 |
| Syria | 205 | 48 | 439 |
| United Arab Emirates | 2 126 | 2 100 | 48 698 |
| Yemen, South | 218 | 755 | 1 013 |
| Yemen, North | 65 | 77 | 82 |
| TOTAL | 333 135 | 568 725 | 621 121 |