operation among countries of the region and North america, including the Maghreb. The fund, financed by the Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA), aims to support expansion of the private sector in the Maghreb by helping to increase its productivity, by giving it access to Canadian expertise, and by supporting Maghreb governments' efforts to liberalize economies. Firms would contribute approximately 70 per cent of investments.

## **HUMAN RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT CANADA**

## Call to Service for Young People as Youth Service Canada Kicks into High Gear

October 26, 1994

Lloyd Axworthy, Minister for Human Resources Development Canada, and Ethel Blondin-Andrew, the Secretary of State for Training and Youth, announced the start of the regular operational phase of Youth Service Canada (YSC) by issuing a call for project proposals. From the YSC lead-site project at the Rideau Street Youth Initiative in Ottawa, Axworthy pointed to Youth Services Canada as an example of a social program that solves problems by investing in people's futures. "We are helping young people to gain work experience and job skills that will open doors to the world of work and create a feeling of independence- a 'can do' attitude," said Axworthy.

## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

November 11-12, 1994: December 1, 1994:

APEC Ministerial Meeting (Jakarta, Indonesia) International AIDS Summit, World AIDS Day

December 5-6, 1994:

Conference on Security and Co-operation in Europe Summit

(Budapest, Hungary)

December 6-7, 1994:

Visit of UN Secretary General Boutros Boutros-Ghali

December 9-10, 1994:

Summit of the Americas (Miami, Florida)

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