

Both of the above concessions apply only to corporations, not to individuals.

Another set of obstacles to foreign investment in many countries, by individuals as well as by companies, has been removed by the conclusion by Canada of bilateral double taxation agreements. These agreements vary according to circumstances but among other things provide that the Canadian tax claim on income earned in a foreign country is reduced by the amount of the tax imposed by the foreign country. Canada has signed double taxation agreements with eight countries and is in the process of negotiation of double taxation agreements with four more countries. A wider application of double taxation agreements between capital-exporting and capital-importing countries would remove many of the existing deterrents to foreign investment. Even in the absence of a double taxation agreement, however, Canada reduces its tax claims on income earned abroad to the extent that this income has already been taxed in the country of origin.

In view also of the existing legislation in Canada, my delegation would like to take advantage of this forum to indicate that Canada favours a wider application of double taxation agreements among member countries and that where agreements do not already exist, Canada is willing to conclude double taxation agreements, which could be adapted to meet the particular problems of the countries concerned.

In referring to the resolution before us my delegation is also pleased to see that in the second preambular paragraph thought was given to inserting the word "Maintain" in the phrase "appropriate measures should be taken to establish (and maintain) a climate favourable", etc.

To conclude, I would like to say that the Canadian Delegation supports the French resolution. This resolution would assist to maintain the climate of co-operation which already exists in the United Nations for the promotion of the economic development of the less developed countries. In addition, the resolution is consistent with previously adopted resolutions to the effect that further country studies should be made and reports presented to the Secretary-General. The Canadian Delegation looks forward to constructive results from the efforts already made.

