

countries. Like terrorism, international narcotics trafficking is an evil of global dimensions - and it is an evil which can only be combatted if we work together. I regret to say Canada is a major consumer of illicit drugs - including heroin - drugs that come partly from Southeast Asia. We want to stop that traffic. It is an urgent Canadian priority to get on with the war against narcotics. We are very pleased by the cooperation we already enjoy with ASEAN countries, and want to build upon our existing program of law enforcement and poppy eradication.

In this spirit, we whole-heartedly commend ASEAN for formulating a draft resolution to address the serious problems of drug abuse and trafficking. We intend to give immediate effect to some of its operative paragraphs by offering funds for integrated rural development projects in Thailand such as crop substitution, income replacement, and other measures, bilaterally or through UNFDAC. This new initiative would be additional to our normal development assistance program in Thailand. As you are aware, there was also intensive discussion on the narcotics issue by Heads of Government at the Bonn Economic Summit. One result is that a group of western experts on drugs will convene in Bonn July 17-18 to prepare for a Conference of Foreign Ministers on this subject in the fall.

Let me now raise my additional point: Within the past month, the world has witnessed four airline tragedies claiming well over 300 lives - Frankfurt, Beirut, Narita and Air India. Three have proven to be the direct result of terrorism; the fourth is still being investigated and the possibility of sabotage cannot be ruled out. Terrorism is cowardice. It attacks civilians by surprise. Targetting civilian aircraft is particularly vicious. When killing is so random, no nation is immune. No person, however young or innocent, or full of promise, is exempt from the blind malice of international terrorism.

Canada is at the forefront of efforts to tighten international cooperation to protect airlines from terrorism. We were a moving force in the drafting of the Bonn Declaration of 1978. In March of this year, we submitted working papers to the Bonn Summit Expert's Group on Airline Safety. This Canadian initiative was designed to increase airline security.