

Response

The Government agrees with the principle that we should work towards channelling military efforts towards development. The end of East-West tensions has opened new opportunities for international co-operation. Nevertheless, instability and regional tensions will persist for some time. Canada will continue to explore how we can shape the new world system to provide the stability required for peaceful development.

Recommendation

Canada should exercise leadership to change the multilateral system and improve international co-ordination.

Response

Canada has exercised, and will continue to exercise, leadership in the multilateral economic institutions and the UN discussions on international economic co-operation. The Prime Minister supported calls for a renewed North-South dialogue and for a Summit of Developed and Developing Countries. We have pursued an active role in the UN conferences and Special Session this year in an effort to revitalize these economic discussions.

In the multilateral development institutions we have been at the forefront of discussions on how to address poverty reduction in adjustment programs, drawing attention to environmental issues, proposing stronger programs for women in development and emphasizing basic health and education. More recently, the Prime Minister co-chaired the World Summit for Children and approached directly the heads of these institutions to seek their support for the objectives of the Summit.

Recommendation

Canada should move to grant more liberal access to developing country exports.

Response

The Government agrees that developing country access to world markets should be improved.

The Government is seeking the fullest possible liberalization of the multilateral trading system in the Uruguay Round of the GATT. We support, in particular, improvements in market access for agriculture and tropical products which will benefit the developing countries. We seek a strengthening of GATT disciplines and codes and have led the debate on the need for a World Trade Organization. The concept of a World Trade Organization was endorsed by the South Commission in its recent report.

Canada believes that the integration of all countries in the multilateral trading system, so that all share its rights and obligations, is a central objective. We also support