

- An OAS 'Commission for Sustainable Development in the Hemisphere' which could prepare an annual report on the hemispheric environment, conduct studies and seminars on co-operative approaches to environmental action, and report to the OAS on a regular basis.
- An OAS Youth Exchange Program whereby youth from member states could experience the cultures of other countries in the region.
- An OAS program for the co-operative training of drug enforcement officers.

There are other possibilities. Canada will present the most promising to the OAS at its Assembly meeting in June.

There is one further area which warrants the attention of all states in the Americas. That is the place of Cuba. Cuba has isolated itself from this hemisphere. Many states in this hemisphere have isolated themselves from Cuba. No one would deny that Cuba has had a role in the current troubles in Central America. And few can look at the economic facts and not conclude that Cuba has suffered by exclusion from the hemisphere.

I will not ascribe blame here. I simply state that some of the current problems in Latin America could become more manageable if Cuba were brought back into the family of hemispheric nations.

Clearly the problems here are not easy to overcome. There is a lot of history, remembered personally and bitterly by influential people throughout the Americas. Perceptions and prejudices have taken firm roots. But I refuse to believe these are insurmountable.

Canada is a developed country with a unique standing among developing countries. We need to make more use of that standing. Last year, I applied to have Canada granted "guest" status at the meeting of the Non-Aligned Movement. I took the opportunity to pursue an idea proposed jointly by India, Egypt, Venezuela, Senegal and Yugoslavia, who had called for a renewed dialogue between the developed and developing world.

We need a new type of dialogue - pragmatic, realistic, conducted away from klieg lights and artificial deadlines.

Developing nations are discarding the unhelpful blinders of ideologies that don't work. They recognize that serious problems require joint effort; that ascribing blame is not a solution; that real partnerships must be built.