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Nelson (B.C.) Daily News Nov. 14/84
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The government is delaying by five years to 1995 a commitment to boost aid and development spending to 0.7 per cent of Canada's GNP. This comes after repeated assurances that the commitment would be met. In the House of Commons, Clark blamed the necessity of reneging on promises to meet foreign aid spending goals on the "severe economic situation which this government has inherited."

Kitchener-Waterloo Record Nov. 2/84
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Stephen Lewis said foreign aid and development will remain a high priority under the new government. He added the Conservatives will maintain the Liberal commitment to increase Canada's foreign aid spending to about 0.7 per cent of the GNP by the end of the decade. He made these comments after his first meeting with PM Mulroney since being named Canada's ambassador to the UN.

Globe and Mail Oct. 3/84
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External Relations Minister Monique Vezina told members of the Club of Dakar that Canada will not cut back on its \$1.8 billion foreign aid contributions but will try and spend it more efficiently. She said the government might place greater importance on supporting NGOs working in the Third World rather than on direct aid.

La Presse Oct. 3/84
Standard coverage of Vezina's comments to the Club of Dakar.

Kelowna (B.C.) Daily Courier Oct. 18/84
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The government wants Canadian companies to be more aggressive in exploiting the markets foreign aid helps open. Federal officials told a conference on Asian and Pacific markets that Canadian firms have not done as well as firms from other industrialized countries in grabbing some of the business flowing from foreign aid. The government is to announce initiatives aimed at prompting business involvement abroad.

Saskatoon Star Phoenix Sept. 24/84
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At a news conference on the eve of the annual IMF-World Bank meeting, Finance Minister Michael Wilson said he was disappointed