

contributions to both the United Nations Special Fund and the Expanded Programme for Technical Assistance. We shall also be taking a sympathetic attitude toward the proposals of the Secretary-General for an increased allocation under the United Nations budget for special programmes of assistance, many of them to be conducted in the newly-independent states of Africa. I mention these facts not in any spirit of self-commendation, but as evidence of Canada's willingness to join other countries in meeting the new and special demands which the United Nations faces as the countries of Africa join the international community.

Trade and Commodity Problems

Mr. Chairman, I now turn to a consideration of the trade aspects of the development problems confronting less-developed areas of the world.

It seems scarcely necessary to emphasize once again in this forum that the processes of international trade -- and particularly of international trade relating to commodities -- are of the utmost interest and importance to Canada. Ours is a trading nation, dependent in large degree for its wellbeing on world market prices for a number of basic commodities. To some extent Canada finds itself in a position comparable to that of the less-developed countries. We are, for example, subject to many of the same dangers arising from fluctuations in the prices of raw materials, although of course our problems may be different in complexity and to some degree, in nature, from those of the countries of Latin America, Africa, the Middle East, and South and South-East Asia. I make this point to emphasize that so-called developed countries such as my own frequently are confronted with economic problems of similar type, although not perhaps of the same magnitude, as the less-developed countries.

We therefore recognize with particular sympathy, Mr. Chairman, that the success of the development programmes now going forward in many less-developed countries is dependent on the growth and stability of their external trade.

Canada is a member of the Committee on International Commodity Trade, and my Delegation was gratified to hear Mr. de Seynes say that "The Committee on International Commodity Trade is now apparently becoming more and more important as a meeting place for exchanges of views between the