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tions, which was successfully concluded in 1979. At London in 1984, and at Bonn in 1985 leaders sought to advance a new multilateral trade round. Following a commitment at last year's Tokyo Summit, the Uruguay Round was launched in September 1986.

Canada introduced agriculture as a Summit issue at Tokyo in 1986. Leaders noted with concern the surplus in agriculture production that has resulted, in large measure, from domestic subsidy and protection policies. There was consensus reached that in order to address these surpluses, action is needed to redirect policies and adjust agricultural production in light of world demand.

International debt has been a growing concern to Summit leaders. At Williamsburg in 1983 they agreed on a case-by-case approach to the international debt problem. In Tokyo in 1986, the leaders endorsed the US cooperative debt strategy initiative, and welcomed closer cooperation among international financial institutions.

Relations between developed and developing countries were a special theme of the Summit held in Canada in 1981. Deliberations at Montebello contributed to the preparations for the Cancun Summit between leaders of North and South which took place later that year. At Bonn in 1985, a special expert group was established, which reported to Summit Foreign Ministers in the fall of 1985 on the crisis in sub-Saharan Africa. At Tokyo in 1986, the leaders reiterated the great importance of an early and substantial replenishment of the International Development Association (IDA VIII) to meeting the needs of developing nations.

Global political issues have also been featured in Summit discussions. The 1979 Tokyo Summit focused world attention on the plight of Indo-Chinese refugees. The Soviet invasion of Afghanistan and its effects on East-West relations was highlighted at Venice in 1980. Leaders at Versailles in 1982 agreed on a general approach to East-West economic relations, which carried over into the development of more specific policies at NATO and the OECD that year. Terrorism has been the subject of separate declarations at a number of Summits, with Canada playing a major role in the adoption of a Declaration on International Air Hijacking at Bonn in 1978 and the Statement on International Terrorism at Tokyo in 1986. Also in Tokyo in 1986 leaders

addressed the particular implications of the nuclear accident at Chernobyl.

Other subjects as diverse as international cooperation in science and technology, narcotic drug abuse, protection of the environment, and education have also been addressed by Summit leaders in the past.