

In response to an invitation extended to him by his Excellency Ambassador Antonio F. Azeredo da Silveira, Minister of External Relations of Brazil, the Secretary of State for External Affairs, the Honourable Donald Campbell Jamieson, paid an official visit to Brazil from January 11 to 18, 1977. Mr. Jamieson was accompanied by Mrs. Jamieson, Mr. Marcel Prud'homme, Chairman of the Standing Committee on External Affairs and National Defence of the House of Commons, senior officials of the Departments of External Affairs, Industry Trade and Commerce, Finance, Agriculture, the Canadian International Development Agency and the Export Development Corporation of Canada, and representatives from the Brazil-Canada Chamber of Commerce, the Canadian Association for Latin America and the media.

The Canadian Secretary of State for External Affairs was received by the President of the Federative Republic of Brazil, his Excellency Ernesto Geisel, to whom he conveyed the greetings of the Canadian Government and its desire to intensify relations between Canada and Brazil.

The Secretary of State for External Affairs was also received by the President of the Chamber of Deputies, his Excellency Celio de Oliveira Borja, as well as by the following ministers: Mario Henrique Simonsen, Minister of Finance; Alysson Paulinelli, Minister of Agriculture; Severo Fagundes Gomes, Minister of Industry and Trade; Shigeaki Ueki, Minister of Energy and Mines; and João Paulo Dos Reis Velloso, Minister-Chief of the Planning Secretariat.

During the talks the two Ministers of Foreign Affairs reviewed the major multilateral and bilateral questions of mutual interest. In reviewing these matters the ministers stressed the importance of the openness and dynamism of the values of the western world and the contribution which both countries can make on the basis of such values, both nationally and internationally, to the resolution of social, economic and political problems. The Ministers discussed how best to further the objectives of international peace and security, development, the new economic order, and the Law of the Sea.

They also noted the importance that both countries attach to the United Nations in achieving those objectives and stressed the need to strengthen the organization and its system in order to better fulfil the principles and purposes of the charter. They agreed on the desirability of having regular consultations between representatives of both countries in order to exchange views and extend co-operation on United Nations matters.

They also exchanged views on the Inter-American System and its bodies and agreed that the closer working relationship between Canada and the System is proving beneficial.