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The Issue and Its Setting

In the current difficult world economic situation, the reality of interdependence has become increasingly evident to the countries of both the industrialized "North" and the developing "South". The extent and nature of the links between trade, finance, debt and national economic policies, as well as their effects on prosperity and development are also becoming more apparent.

The Francophone Summit is an important part of the process by which these North-South issues can be given careful and thoughtful consideration. The Summit brings together leaders of developed and developing countries from around the world and provides them with the opportunity to speak frankly and informally about their plans, problems and concerns.

Francophone leaders may be expected to focus on the continuing problems of development. The debt crisis and the roles played by donor/recipient countries, the IMF (International Monetary Fund), the World Bank and the commercial bank sector in the fostering of growth-oriented recovery are likely to be major items of discussion. World trade, protectionism and commodity markets and prices, as well as the prospects of the new MTN (Multilateral Trade Negotiations) are likely to be addressed. In addition, given the large number of African countries participating, the particular and pressing problems of that continent will no doubt be examined.

Where Canada Stands

Traditionally, Canada has been directly interested and involved in the North-South relationship. This is a reflection of our humanitarian concerns and our commitment to international development co-operation and assistance.