

This subject of development assistance is one which deserves more attention in Canada than it receives. In all of our relations with the Third World, development assistance constitutes one of the most important elements. This is because relief from poverty is as much a priority in our relations with the Third World as it is in Canada. Aid is given to developing countries for essentially the same reasons that we assist less privileged people in Canada.

In the Government's White Paper on Foreign policy, the issue was put in this way - "A society able to ignore poverty abroad will find it much easier to ignore it at home; a society concerned about poverty and development abroad will be concerned about poverty and development at home. We could not create a truly just society within Canada if we were not prepared to play our part in the creation of a more just world society. Thus our foreign policy in this field becomes a continuation of our domestic policy."