

While we have every reason to be proud of what Canada is doing, through the United Nations and in other ways, the task of international development is so great that we cannot allow our efforts to lag. At the present time, the average annual per capita income in the world's wealthiest country, the United States, is 25 times the average annual per capita income in the developing countries. But, if present rates of economic growth continue, by the year 2,000 the average per capita income in the United States will be 35 times that in the developing countries.

Because of the strength the United Nations draws from its universal approach, it offers an effective forum for encouraging the developing countries themselves to work out policies designed to facilitate development. There is, for example, no doubt about the need for measures to cope with rapid population growth, to bring about land reform, and to promote efficient, competent and honest administration. And these measures can only be effectively undertaken by the developing countries themselves, in accordance with their own cultural values and institutions.

But the developed countries, including Canada, will have to play their full part. They will have to be prepared to share their wealth through programmes of development assistance, and they will have to open their markets to the products of the new industries in the developing countries. All countries will have to co-operate within the framework of the United Nations system, and, bilaterally, in working out programmes which will be effective in accelerating development. Goodwill is needed, but so also are careful planning and sound administration, to ensure that available resources are effectively used.

It is in the interests of Canada, and of all Canadians, that our country should participate fully in the task of international development.

Because we believe that the United Nations must be steadily strengthened as a potent factor working for world peace, we shall support its efforts, and those of its affiliated agencies, to make an impact on the problems of hunger, disease, and ignorance which necessarily preoccupy so many of its members.

Because we believe that Canada's own future prosperity and progress cannot be secured in isolation from the rest of the world, we shall play our full part in the world-wide task of international development, the part which we must play if Canada is to be a "good citizen of the world".