

At their London meeting, the Heads of Government also discussed the world economic situation in light of the results of the Conference on International Economic Co-operation and the London economic "summit". Discussion included the final report of the Commonwealth Group of Experts (established at the 1975 Kingston, Jamaica meeting) which made a significant contribution to efforts to evolve a new economic order, with particular emphasis on the problems of developing countries. The Heads of Government indicated that the Commonwealth had a useful role to play in attaining global consensus on economic affairs, and they considered how it could assist in solving specific problems such as those of commodities, energy, food-production, trade and finance.

Attention was also given to particular areas of interest to Canada. These were the questions of sporting contacts with South Africa and the violation of human rights in Uganda. On the first issue, private discussions during an informal weekend for Commonwealth leaders at Gleneagles resulted in unanimous agreement on a statement of principles on sporting contacts with South Africa. The second issue lead to Commonwealth reaffirmation of its support for basic human rights in the clearest terms in the Final Communiqué.

#### Main Themes Expected at Lusaka

Although the agenda for the Lusaka meeting has not yet been made formal - this will be one of the first tasks after the opening session - it will undoubtedly focus on world political and economic developments, in particular the situation in Southern Africa and North/South economic issues, as well as specific areas of Commonwealth co-operation such as additional resources for the CFTC, industrial co-operation, and assistance to small states.

Following a now established tradition at Commonwealth Heads of Government Meetings, an informal weekend has been planned which will allow Heads of Government the opportunity for private, informal discussion in the absence of Ministers and advisers.