

sponsored several projects in Colombia, notably at the Centre for Tropical Agriculture in Cali. The Canadian University Service Overseas has many volunteers working here. Other non-government organizations such as the Canadian Foster Parents Plan are also active in Colombia.

Although we have a wide range of interests, it is, I suspect, in economic affairs where there is the greatest potential for collaboration between us. Because of the similarities of our patterns of development, we in Canada are at the forefront of technology in many areas that interest you for development of your economy and infrastructure.

Furthermore, the Export Development Corporation of Canada can provide the credits you need. We are ready to cooperate with you in developing your agriculture. Our companies can work together with you in constructing your hydro-electric dams, in supplying your generators and in building your long distance transmission lines. They can cooperate with you in building your airports and in providing aircraft and engines adapted to the rigours of the frontier such as short take-off and landing aeroplanes. They are ready to cooperate with you in expanding your network of railways even further into new territory, in enlarging your urban transit system, in widening your telecommunications network and in erecting your pulp and paper mills. They are willing to cooperate in exploring for natural resources, whether minerals or oil, whether on land or under the sea, in extracting them, and then in refining them.

We do not expect our cooperation to be only in one direction. The Canadian market remains one of the most open in the world. Our general scheme of preferences provides special tariffs on a wide range of your goods. We are prepared in the Multilateral Trade Negotiations to agree to further liberalization. We hope that on your side you will take our mutual interests into account in developing your economic policies.

In essence, Excellency, there is between us a rich array of possibilities that remain to be explored. We are friends, we share the same values; let us also become closer partners in international affairs, partners in cooperation for development and partners in economic affairs, for we have much to offer each other.