

to closer cooperation with CARICOM governments in future. We accept as Commonwealth countries that we must share, contributing as we can, in the resolution of difficult world problems affecting all of us.

I have had occasion during the past year to meet with my CARICOM Foreign Minister Colleagues, in New York and elsewhere - - including this morning - - to exchange views on such difficult international questions as Southern Africa; on such common problems as the Law of the Sea negotiations; and on mutual objectives in North/South discussions. In the broadest international sense, then, agreements of the kind we are signing today both bolster and contribute to the sense of solidarity which binds Commonwealth members.

At a different level, that of the individual, this Agreement will, I think, be particularly welcome to what is now a large and growing segment of Canadian society - - those of Caribbean origin. Some 15,000 or so immigrants from CARICOM States have entered Canada in each of the last few years. They enrich Canadian society beyond the weight of their numbers, and I am pleased that there is now a new formal yet flexible tie between their new and their old homelands.

There are other people-to-people links between