

Vietnamese withdrawal, and, until that happens, Canada will continue to deny Vietnam development aid. Furthermore, in response to the ASEAN Joint Statement on February 11, Canada will increase its humanitarian assistance to the non-communist elements of the Coalition and will contribute almost \$3 million this year to refugee relief programs in Thailand. Finally, although Canada has already accepted approximately 100,000 refugees from Southeast Asia, we will continue to do our fair share in the future.

The second major item, the international economic situation, encompasses issues of direct importance to the future prosperity of all participants in this meeting including the new round of multilateral trade negotiations. Canada firmly believes that it is vital for the international community to enter into such a new round in the near term. We are pleased at the ASEAN Statement concerning a new round. A new round would do more than continue to liberalize world trade and rejuvenate the multilateral trading system. It would be critical to our collective efforts to contain and rollback protectionism. Canada believes that a successful meeting must offer advantages to everyone - both developing and developed countries. We share with ASEAN a common interest in trade, both in resource products and in agriculture. We want to work with ASEAN to identify other areas of common interest, and, to that end, I am sending a trade policy mission to Southeast Asia in September to discuss in detail issues currently before the GATT and preparations for a new round.

Before leaving the international economic situation, let me observe that the note which ASEAN directed to the Economic Summit countries was both appreciated and used by Canada at the Bonn meeting. In addition, I would draw your attention again to the Canadian Third Window Proposal of Bonn - Prime Minister Mulroney's initiative to make World Bank financing available on more affordable terms.

There is a new, and extremely important, issue on the agenda of this year's Post-Ministerial Conference. This is the urgent need to act together to combat the menace of international narcotics trafficking. Mr. Chairman, illicit drugs are a cause of human degradation and social corruption in all our