

Canadian people will make a valuable contribution to improved understanding of the issues. The Canadian people should be made aware of the costs and benefits, in economic and political terms, of action which may be taken by Canada in favour of developing countries: through the budget for our international development programme, through improved access to the Canadian market for developing country exports, through agreements to stabilize international trade in commodities. There will be domestic economic costs but in the longer term the cost of doing too little could be much greater. I see therefore the need for continuing consultations between this Sub-committee and myself and my officials. I look forward to this dialogue and would welcome any questions you might have at this time.