

countries. The provision of aid to meet the expanding needs of the less-developed countries will depend even more on such support in the future and will be related increasingly to measures of self-help in the recipient countries.

The ministers emphasized the value of the confrontations of national aid programmes through the Organization, and asked members further to co-ordinate their efforts with a view to making aid more effective in response to priority needs in the less-developed countries. They also welcomed the intention expressed by the members of the DAC of relating more nearly the terms of aid to debt-servicing capacities of recipients. Important steps had been taken by some members in this connection during the past year. Ministers noted the decline in private capital movements from the industrialized countries to the less-developed countries, and asked the Organization to consider further what steps might be taken by industrialized and less developed countries to increase the flow.

The ministers welcomed the establishment of the OECD Development Centre. 8. Since last year's ministerial meeting, the Organization has devoted a great deal of attention to the ways and means to increase the export earnings of less-developed countries, member and non-member.

The bulk of the exports of the less-developed countries still consists of primary products, of which OECD countries are the main importers. Various methods for stabilizing and increasing the export earnings from these commodities are now being studied. Ministers stressed the importance of this work. Member countries should join in efforts to improve the market conditions for primary products.

Increasingly, however, the less-developed member and non-member countries need to diversify their economies and encourage the production of manufactured articles for their own markets and for exports. The industrialized countries of the OECD should facilitate this development by providing enlarged access to their markets for these products. The ministers noted with approval that full reciprocity from less-developed countries was not being demanded for the tariff reductions expected from the forthcoming round of GATT tariff negotiations.

Ministers instructed the Organization to continue work and consultations concerning the trade problems of the less-developed countries.

They voiced the determination of their governments to prepare for the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development in a constructive spirit.