

already about 7,000 students from ASEAN countries in Canada. I hope that new ways will be found of increasing their numbers.

Returning for a moment to an important and related element of Canada's association with ASEAN, we are delighted that there will be such extensive participation by ASEAN countries at Expo 86, to be held in Vancouver next year. This is an illustration of the real partnership which characterizes our relations.

Mr. Chairman, as you know, Canada remains committed to support the ASEAN position on Cambodia and I look forward to sharing views on this issue later. ASEAN has also raised a matter which, as I said at the Six Plus Six meeting, is of great concern to Canada. That is the need to cooperate to an even greater extent in combatting international narcotics trafficking. Both within the ASEAN context, and in our bilateral relations with ASEAN countries, we will seek new ways of working together through police cooperation and other forms of assistance to battle this terrible social evil. Canada supports the ASEAN initiative to formulate a draft resolution concerning narcotic drugs and looks forward to discussing its language and provisions.

Another international evil of immense proportions is that of terrorism. We recently experienced the shocking loss of Canadian and other lives which occurred with the crash of Air India Flight 182 - possibly as a result of sabotage. Canada is actively involved with a number of important initiatives aimed at enhancing international cooperation against terrorism. I know that the ASEAN countries share a similar concern and I believe that we can work together even more effectively than in the past in this vital area.

Mr. Chairman, Canada has continually been impressed by the manner in which the ASEAN countries have provided a place of first refuge to those hundreds of thousands who have fled the totalitarian régimes in Indochina. Over the past decade, Canada has been one of the major countries of resettlement. To the extent that the crisis continues, Canada will do its fair share and do that in full consultation with the ASEAN countries.

Given the importance of trade to ASEAN and to Canada, we have a common interest in resisting protectionism, in further liberalization and an immediate interest in working together to make the trading system operate more effectively. We must not allow protectionism