

AND WE WILL MAKE A SPECIAL EFFORT TO COORDINATE OUR EXISTING AND FUTURE ASSISTANCE ACTIVITIES WITH THIS PLAN. CANADA WILL CONTINUE TO BE AN ACTIVE PARTICIPANT, THROUGH BILATERAL AND MULTILATERAL CHANNELS, IN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROBLEMS IN LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN AND WE ARE ANXIOUS TO SUPPORT AND COOPERATE WITH THE IMPLEMENTATION OF REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS OF THE OAS, OF PAHO, IICA AND OTHER INTER-AMERICA INSTITUTIONS. HOWEVER WE HAVE BECOME VERY CONCERNED AT THE INCREASING NUMBER OF PROGRAM PLANS AND ORGANIZATIONS DEDICATED TO THE SAME WORTHY OBJECTIVES WHICH HAS RESULTED IN A PLETHORA OF MEETINGS, CONFERENCES, RESOLUTIONS AND APPEALS FOR FUNDS. NOT ONLY DOES THIS LARGE NUMBER OF DIVERSE ACTIVITIES REPRESENT A DUPLICATION OF EFFORT AND AN EXPENDITURE OF FUNDS WHICH COULD BE MORE USEFULLY DIRECTED TO TANGIBLE DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS, BUT IT IMPOSES A SEVERE BURDEN ON THE HUMAN RESOURCES OF GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS AND INSTITUTIONS IN BOTH DONOR AND RECIPIENT COUNTRIES WHICH IMPEDES THEIR ABILITY TO IMPLEMENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS AS EFFECTIVELY AND PROMPTLY AS THEY WOULD LIKE. I WOULD LIKE TO SUGGEST, THEREFORE, THAT THE OAS SECRETARIAT COULD RENDER A VALUABLE SERVICE BY ACTING AS A COORDINATOR OF SUCH PROGRAMS AND CONFERENCES TO COMBINE RESOURCES AND ACTIVITIES WHERE POSSIBLE AND TO COORDINATE SCHEDULES TO AVOID DUPLICATION AND OVERLAP.