

On the political front, we will continue our full support for ASEAN's position with respect to the Vietnamese occupation of Cambodia. We have pledged, again this year, assistance to the non-communist elements of the Coalition Government of Democratic Kampuchea.

In Manila last June, I set out a number of initiatives by which Canada intended to respond to ASEAN's priorities in trade, human resource development, and industrial development.

Most of these undertakings are realities today. An ASEAN Human Resources Development Fund has been established in the amount of Canadian \$750,000, to be used for study tours and training programs in Canada, mainly for government personnel. In addition, we have established an ASEAN Scholarship Fund large enough to permit approximately 30 person/years of diploma and graduate training in Canadian academic institutions. The combined annual funding for these programs exceeds \$1.3 million, and, if ASEAN's response is strong, a larger fund could be put in place.

I wish to announce Canada's support for the second phase of the Fisheries and Grain Post Harvest Projects. Naturally, I was pleased today to sign the Protocol agreeing to the second phase of the Tree Seed Centre Project. Ministers will know of Canada's particular interest in programs which encourage women in development and we continue to give priority to programs with that purpose.

Mr. Chairman, as a concrete manifestation of our long-term interest and involvement in Southeast Asia, Canada will establish a Canada-ASEAN Centre in this region, which will commence operation in 1988. The Centre will support our diplomatic missions in the region on ASEAN-wide development activities. In particular, it will administer the Human Resources Development and Scholarship Programs and assist students and others seeking educational and training opportunities in Canada. It will also take on a coordinating and supporting role for existing regional programs, such as the ASEAN Forest-Tree Seed Centre and the Post-harvest Grains and Fisheries Projects.

Canada fully realizes the importance of trade and industrial development to the future of ASEAN. I want to see increased exports from your countries to Canada, just as I want to see more Canadian products throughout Southeast Asia. We have established an elaborate and important network of conferences and consultations. But I am not satisfied that these have resulted in the improvements we need in trade and investment. As Foreign Ministers who meet formally each year, we have an obligation to ensure that there are concrete results to our co-operation.