

Concurrently with the evolution of Canada's bilateral relations with India, developments in the direction of normalization and reconciliation in South Asia attracted Canadian attention and support. Canada warmly welcomed the agreement worked out in New Delhi between India and Pakistan with Bangladesh's concurrence for the resolution of outstanding humanitarian issues remaining after the 1971 war. In recognition of the importance of the agreement as a major step towards the creation of stable relationships among India, Pakistan and Bangladesh, Canada contributed \$1 million towards an international airlift to move people between Pakistan and Bangladesh who were to be repatriated under the terms of the Delhi Agreement.

In 1973, Pakistan was struck by perhaps the most disastrous floods experienced in its history. In company with many other countries, Canada responded to assist the recovery from the widespread destruction and loss that checked the country's remarkable economic performance.

Prime Minister Indira Gandhi of India addressed a joint session of the Canadian Parliament on June 19. Prime Minister Trudeau and Secretary of State for External Affairs Mitchell Sharp are on her left; Indian High Commissioner to Canada Uma Shankar Bajpai on her right. (CP Photo)

