

than in both these fields, commodity trade and export promotion, many more benefits will accrue to the developing countries if we always keep in mind the valuable contribution other organizations such as the regional economic commissions, can make in cooperation with UNCTAD. Various commodity councils and other organizations can play important roles in our common search for stable and remunerative prices for commodities. It was with these considerations in mind that the Canadian delegation to the fifth session of the Board supported resolution 36(V) on coordination of the activities of the bodies dealing with problems of commodity trade.

The GATT International Trade Centre, which makes its services available to all developing countries, whether or not they are Contracting Parties, will provide an admirable basis for an expanded and joint effort of the GATT and UNCTAD working together in this most important field of export promotion. The Canadian delegation joined in the welcome the Board gave to the idea of a joint centre and its decision to endorse--I quote from paragraph 211 of the report of the fifth session of the Board:

"the proposal by the Secretary-General of UNCTAD and by the Director-General of GATT to establish a joint international trade centre within the United Nations Export Promotion Programme and looked forward to early decisions by the appropriate bodies concerning its implementation in the light of further information to be submitted by the Secretary-General of UNCTAD and by the Director-General of GATT on some aspects of the proposal."

The Canadian Government looks forward to the early examination of detailed proposals concerning administrative and financing arrangements for the joint centre which are to be submitted by both secretariats.

We hope that when the second Conference begins in New Delhi in February the joint centre will be well on the way to becoming a reality, capable of playing a central role in the wider export promotion effort of the United Nations as a whole.