

Canada's aid programs and to govern our efforts to search for compromise at forthcoming international meetings, including the Ottawa Summit, the Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting, the North-South Summit and the proposed Global Negotiations.

The Government concurs with the Task Force's view that coordination of Government policies is needed for a more coherent Canadian North-South policy. Appropriate measures in the policy-making process of the Government are being instituted to promote a more consistent approach. These practices will be reviewed periodically to ensure that North-South implications are taken into account in all relevant Government decisions.

The main recommendations themselves are an important contribution to the development of Canadian policy. They have been taken very seriously by the Government and have been studied very carefully with a view to re-evaluating existing policies. Set out below are point by point responses to the main recommendations of the Parliamentary Task Force on North-South Relations.

That Canada allocate 1% of Official Development Assistance to encourage the involvement and awareness of Canadians in North-South concerns.

As stated above, the Government recognizes the importance of encouraging involvement and awareness of Canadians in North-South concerns. The Government intends to give increased priority to the promotion, especially by non-governmental organizations, of public awareness and understanding of the problems faced by developing countries. It will continue to examine other methods, and the appropriate level of funding, that should be established for such activities.

A. FINANCE AND DEBT

1(a) That Canada commit itself to reach the ODA target of .7% of GNP by 1990 by means of steady annual increases to reach .57% by 1985.