

- As regards the programme objectives of this increased assistance, we will work with the Caribbean countries toward greater emphasis on the maintenance of economic, social and political stability, and the promotion of sustained economic development and growth.
- In accordance with the Canada/CARICOM agreement, we will pay particular attention to the development needs of the less developed country states of the Eastern Caribbean. Canada is prepared to organize, with the World Bank, a special consultative meeting this spring on the needs of the Leeward and Windward Islands.
- We will continue to accord the highest possible priority to increased regional cooperation.
- To ensure more rapid disbursement of development assistance funds and to improve the effectiveness of programme development, we will give serious consideration to decentralizing CIDA operations to the field.
- We will provide increased levels of technical assistance concentrated on economic and financial management in the public sectors, and on the production areas in private sectors.
- One million dollars per year on highly concessional rates can be made available to CARICOM in industrial cooperation credits to permit the hiring of Canadian advisors to assist in industrial development planning and implementation.
- At CARICOM's request, Canada is ready to provide a Canadian official to the joint CARICOM/CANADA desk on industrial cooperation for up to three years.
- Canada is similarly willing to help in funding alternative solutions to current energy problems by commissioning studies and by supporting Canadian companies who have appropriate technologies to enable them to test, demonstrate and transfer these techniques to the Caribbean.
- Canada also offers to help CARICOM in computerization, particularly in the application of mini and micro computers through industrial cooperation studies and technology transfers.
- We are prepared to do a good deal more to enhance the vital contribution of the private sector to the objectives of our joint trade and economic cooperation. We value the participation of both the 25 Caribbean and the 45 Canadian businessmen in the Canadian Association for Latin America and Caribbean (CALA)/Caribbean Association of Industry and Commerce (CAIC) investment promotion meetings and look