

well-implemented development programme will support and form part of the general conduct of external relations. It will link us more closely with other developed countries in pursuit of common ends. Canada's know-how and experience will be given greater opportunity for expression. Canadian goods and services will become more widely known and used. Within international organizations, Canadian policy positions and views on development questions will be related to the size and effectiveness of the Canadian assistance programme. Broadly speaking, the opportunity for gaining international understanding of Canada's national interests and objectives will be enhanced by an increasing development aid programme.

The Canadian Role in Development

The development problem is immense and the collaboration of all the more-developed countries will be required if success is to be possible. One or two countries cannot succeed alone. Against the scope of the total requirements Canada's assistance will not be dominant in a quantitative sense; but the programme will permit Canada to make an important contribution to the effectiveness of assistance and in the evolution of policies that will improve the overall conditions for growth and development.

The Amount of Development Assistance

The amount of assistance which can be provided to the developing countries depends upon the resolution of two questions: How much assistance can the developing countries utilize effectively? How much assistance can the more-developed countries make available?

The review of Canadian development assistance policy indicated, as did the Report of the Commission on International Development, that on the whole the developing countries can utilize as much assistance as the donor countries can conceivably make available if it is provided under terms and conditions which are not unduly restrictive or burdensome. There may be a limited ability to utilize funds on well-articulated projects or programmes at particular times in particular countries. But a well-designed and balanced development assistance programme should include sufficient technical assistance, education and training components to increase the "absorptive" capacity of the developing countries. Thus, over