

Canada's external political and commercial policies. And in this aspect of our international relations Canada's example can at this time make a significant difference in the precarious balance in which the future of the entire development enterprise is now poised.

In order to implement this commitment, the Government, therefore, intends to increase the amount of funds allocated to international development assistance over the coming years to move towards the internationally-accepted targets; to confirm as the primary objective of the programme the economic and social development of the developing countries; to maintain the concessional financial terms of Canadian development assistance and to make a significant move towards untying it as to procurement; to increase the proportion of Canadian assistance allocated to multilateral programmes to about 25 per cent of total official assistance; to continue to allocate most bilateral assistance to countries of concentration, but to provide some 20 per cent of bilateral assistance to other developing countries; and to increase support of the private sector's participation in the development programme. These measures to improve the quantity and the quality of the Canadian development assistance programme are the subject of the remainder of this paper.