

I want to affirm our strong support for the amalgamation of the Special Fund and Expanded Programme of Technical Assistance on satisfactory terms in a co-ordinated United Nations Development Programme, and for the continuance of the World Food Programme. Canada wants to see the projected new targets for these programmes adopted. I should expect that our own contribution will be in keeping with these United Nations objectives.

Aid alone, however, cannot suffice to meet the growing needs of the developing countries. All countries -- developed and developing alike -- must redouble their efforts to find ways and means of expanding trade and foreign exchange earnings to support essential development programmes. This is why Canada has strongly supported the establishment of the permanent new machinery of UNCTAD, which is starting on its tasks with vigour, imagination and patience, and under able and imaginative direction.

There are no easy or simple answers to the trade problems of the developing countries. One thing, however, is clear. Collective and co-operative answers are better than solutions sought in isolation. This is not a matter of idealism but of practical realism. Things which it would be difficult or impossible for countries to do individually can often be done more satisfactorily if many states take concerted action and share the necessary adjustments. This is true, whether one is talking of tariff reductions or of improved access to markets or commodity arrangements, or the many other important and complex subjects being discussed in the Trade and Development Board.

A modest but promising start has been made. The task calls for the best efforts of both developed and developing countries, and it is one which we must pursue relentlessly.

I cannot leave this podium without referring briefly to the question of human rights, which is of the greatest interest to my fellow countrymen. We cannot concentrate only on material progress, as if this were the only key to human welfare. The dignity and unique value of the human spirit are even more fundamental and can flourish only under conditions of equality and freedom.

The determination we therefore express in the Charter "to reaffirm faith in fundamental human rights" is a vital part of the total crusade in which we are engaged. Canadians attach particular importance to the maintenance and extension of individual rights, to the protection of the institutions of family and faith, and to the removal of all forms of discrimination based on race, colour, sex or religion.

Our concern for human rights arises also from our diverse national origins. Many Canadians still retain a profound interest in the lives of their kinsmen in other lands. Where respect for human rights and freedom and self-determination is not fully assured, or where it is deliberately denied, Canadians deplore these conditions -- believing as we do that those rights and freedoms must be of universal application.