

There is another initiative, Your Highness, in which I hope Canada and Asean can work more closely together. We must achieve a cleaner and safer environment for our tomorrow and the tomorrows of our children. We face severe and complex challenges on a number of environmental fronts, including global climate change, pollution of land and water, depletion of the world's tropical forests, and more generally, the test of how to achieve economic development without destroying our natural environment. I was heartened by the creation of a Committee of Asean Senior Officials on the environment. I have directed my officials to look for ways to support this important initiative.

Canada is a strong proponent of sustainable development and we welcome Asean's undertaking to convene a regional follow-up conference on the World Commission on Environment and Development.

I would also like to convey my personal invitation to have your countries represented at Globe 90, an environmental conference and trade fair in Vancouver next March.

It is designed to demonstrate that protecting the environment and fostering economic development are compatible and that there are products, services, and technologies which offer the means of achieving sustainable development.

I want to raise again Canada's concern with driftnet fishing in the North Pacific. This is a scourge that must be regulated now in order to safeguard the various fisheries of the Pacific Ocean. Canada is working vigorously with other nations to curb the abuses of driftnet fishing. We are especially concerned with interception on the high seas and subsequent marketing of salmon and other species by countries which are not members of the International North Pacific Fisheries Commission (INPFC). I would hope that these countries will commit themselves to the standards for the use of driftnets and to other commitments affecting the harvesting of living resources from the Pacific Ocean. I hope that I can count on your strong support for multilateral efforts to curb these abuses.

Your Highness, this is my fifth Post-Ministerial Conference; the fifth time in which I have been honoured to be your guest at these annual meetings. With the next PMC scheduled for Indonesia, I will have visited each of the Asean countries for these important events. I would like, Your Highness, to take this occasion to invite you and your colleagues to come to Canada in the fall of 1990 to conduct a special session of the Asean-Canada Dialogue - Six Plus One Meeting. I would be honoured to be your host, to be able to return the warm hospitality which you have shown me over the last five years, and to welcome you to Canada.

Thank you, Your Highness. I look forward to continuing our discussions here today.