

further ground these efforts must be redoubled, but our perspective of the problem must also be widened so that entire eco-systems can be used to greatest advantage and a lasting equilibrium can be achieved.

Mr. President, I have outlined in some detail the Canadian position on the various elements of the world food strategy that the Secretary General has set before us. We recognize that this strategy, if it is to bear fruit, will require a reordering of priorities on all our part. We also recognize that it will require the mobilization of vastly greater resources for agriculture both nationally and by the international community. We believe that the time to set this world food strategy on its right course is here and now by this conference.

As an earnest of Canada's commitment to the solution of the world food problem, I am pleased to announce that the Canadian Government has decided to allocate at once the sum of \$50 million of Canada's development assistance to be used in ways which will make an effective impact on the present critical situation.

The primary aim of this conference, as we see it, is to produce at every level of society an awareness of the affront to the human conscience that hunger constitutes, wherever it exists, and a determination to make its elimination a basic policy goal of all governments represented here. If that is to be the result of our conference, its conclusions cannot be allowed to implement themselves. We must try to ensure that we have the mechanisms that

will enable us to monitor and review the progress that is being made, to correct the strategy when and where it needs correcting, and to see to it that existing and new resources are used to promote agricultural development in a coherent and effective manner.

It is our view, Mr. President, that in this essential process of pursuit, full advantage should be taken of the experience and the established competence of the organizations that have a contribution to make to the solution of the world food problem. This is not to say that all should remain as it is but that we should approach the matter of institutional arrangements with economy and good sense.

On October 30 the Prime Minister of Canada met in Ottawa with the premiers of the ten Canadian provinces to discuss the problem of inflation. My Prime Minister took this opportunity to raise with his colleagues from the provinces the world food problem. They told him that they were also preoccupied by it and that provincial governments were prepared to cooperate with the Government of Canada in contributions to the resolution of the world food problem. I think this vividly reflects the seriousness with which Canadian people view the problems before this conference.

Future generations have a claim on our intelligence and our compassion, as do today's, and if we do our work well they may come to look back on this conference as the starting point for the development of a global process that gave each man, in truth, his daily bread.
