

member of the Pan American Health Organization, and Canada's interest in participating in other inter-American institutions.

The Canadian Ministers noted Canada's intention to enhance its participation in the social and economic development of Latin America. To this end a bilateral technical assistance programme for countries in Latin America has been launched. The Canadian Government has also taken the initiative to seek full membership in the Inter-American Development Bank. The Canadian Ministers reiterated their confidence in the Bank as a financial institution and as an appropriate means of channelling the major part of Canadian financial assistance to the area. It was noted that arrangements involving amendments to the Charter of the Bank had already been proposed to the members to make a Canadian application possible and Canadian Ministers expressed the hope that Mexico and the other members would take the steps necessary in the near future to provide for Canadian membership. The Canadian Ministers expressed the intention of the Canadian Government to contribute substantially, as a full member, to both the Bank's ordinary resources and its fund for special operations. Detailed discussions on these points are currently in progress.

The Mexican Ministers took note with satisfaction of the increasing activity of Canada in inter-American affairs and expressed their firm support for the Canadian intention of accrediting a Permanent Observer to the Council of the Organization of American States and of seeking full membership in the Inter-American Development Bank.