

an arrangement would do a good deal to improve Canadian knowledge and understanding of Latin America, and, in particular, of the OAS and other regional institutions of the hemisphere. At the same time, we hope that through this new relation our neighbours in this hemisphere will come to understand better Canadian aspirations and attitudes.

Those, Mr. President, are the principal ways in which, in co-operation with the Latin American countries, the OAS, its associated organizations and, as appropriate, Latin American regional institutions, the Canadian Government wishes in future to develop its relations with Latin America. More detailed information about our proposed programs and the thinking behind them may be found in a paper entitled Latin America, which is one of those recently issued by the Canadian Government following its foreign policy review....

It may be that what I have had to say today, even when considered with the Government's more detailed policy statement, will fall somewhat short of expectations in some quarters. If so, I can only suggest that it will be recognized that Canada is a middle power whose resources are stretched in a number of ways, and that it will be understood that it is the Canadian Government's desire to move as quickly and as constructively as possible in the direction of full co-operation in the hemisphere. It is in that spirit, Mr. President, that I venture to express the hope that, because of the happy coincidence in time of this OAS meeting and the recent announcement of certain aspects of Canada's future foreign policy, today's session may fairly be regarded as marking a new departure in relations between Canada and its fellow nations in the new world.

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