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### A NEW DIMENSION FOR CANADIAN BUSINESS

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...I understand the general theme of this seminar is intended to bear upon the problems of the developing countries of the world and Canada's relations to them. This is a matter of great concern to the Canadian Government, and a matter in which I take a particular interest. We have come to recognize that aid, pure and simple, of money or of food, is only one part of the answer to this problem. Trade investment and the transfer of technology - these are the true mainsprings of development.

If you were not keenly aware of the magnitude and the urgency of the problems I have mentioned, you would not be here today. By attending, you have shown the concern you have for our responsibilities as citizens of the world community.

We are the fortunate inhabitants of an oasis of plenty in the world of want. Here in Canada we share with United States, New Zealand and Australia, and a handful of nations in Northern and Central Europe, a level of prosperity the like of which the world has never seen before. But, for the rest of the world, the great majority of members of the global community, the picture is very different. Throughout Asia and Africa, Central and South America, the common state of man is one of continuing poverty and deprivation.

One simple fact starkly illuminates the gulf that separates the "have" nations from the "have-not". Here in Canada, 20 million people annually produce and consume almost exactly the total national output of India, a country of 25 times our population. Thus, per person, we have roughly 25 times as much to go around.

If inequality is one dominant feature of the world landscape, another is continuing dramatic change. We in Canada have been the beneficiaries of a rate of economic growth few other nations can come close to matching. But the equation that measures the well-being of other nations of the world reveals a very different story. Not only economic growth but population growth tells the tale. Even when, as in the past decade, the national output of some of the