

We are keeping a close watch on the situation in Kampuchea and, as a member of the UN Human Rights Commission, will continue to seek a full investigation of the situation and corrective measures. In the interim, it is interesting to note that the Kampuchean government has invited the Secretary General to visit Kampuchea. We hope it is a sign that it has accepted the validity of international concerns about the systematic murder and repression of its citizens. We will continue to spare no effort in multilateral fora and in our bilateral contacts with influential countries in the area - countries such as China - to urge them to exert their influence in the interest of improving the situation in Kampuchea and in the whole Southeast Asia area.

Canada's support to refugees and displaced persons

Canada has a special national interest in seeking action in situations as serious as that of Kampuchea. Tragic human rights situations frequently trigger a major outflow of people from countries where the grossest violations are occurring. Massive financial and material resources are required for emergency humanitarian assistance to the destitute refugees and displaced persons from such situations. The Canadian Government, with the strong support of the Canadian public, has always played a full part in contributing to international emergency relief operations. It has supported the subsequent efforts of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees to bring about resettlement of the refugees. The first preference is that refugees be returned to their countries of origin if improved conditions can be obtained, or as a second alternative settled in the neighbouring countries of refuge if conditions permit. But if as a last resort homes must be found for them in third countries, only a small number of countries, and primarily Canada, the United States and Australia, are able to accommodate a refugee inflow. Since World War II, Canada has resettled more than 350 thousand of these persecuted and displaced persons.

Should aid and trade be affected by human rights considerations?

Canadians often complain to me that the government is not doing enough to help individuals in countries where they have relatives or friends. They frequently call upon the