

That statement, ladies and gentlemen, is even truer today than it was eight years ago. To the inspirational genius of UNCTAD's great founder has been added the organizational reality that we have today. Our present Secretary General, Dr. Perez-Guerrero, deserves the highest credit for leading the evolution of this organization and enabling it to achieve its present standing and influence. Let us move forward - using the more established organization that we now have - towards the more urgent attainment of our common goal of the greater welfare of mankind that was so creatively and validly held out before us at the historic conference that founded this organization only eight years ago.

The first UNCTAD was a new departure. Canada's presence at this, as at the first Conference, is an earnest of our continuing commitment to cooperation for development. The measures Canada has taken, and those we propose, show that the Government and people of Canada recognize that concern for justice and human dignity cannot be confined within narrow walls or national boundaries but must find expression in a common endeavour involving all peoples and nations.