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## A FRIENDLY MANIFESTO

The following is the text of the joint communiqué issued by President Frondizi of Argentina and Prime Minister Diefenbaker on November 29, at the end of the President's visit to Canada:

"The President of the Argentine nation, Dr. Arturo Frondizi, and the Prime Minister of Canada, the Right Honourable John G. Diefenbaker, met yesterday morning in an atmosphere of warm cordiality and gave expression to the common interests and aims of Argentina and Canada. No formal agenda had been established for this meeting and the discussions covered broad international issues as well as subjects concerning bilateral relations between the two countries.

"President Frondizi expressed his deep satisfaction at being the first Argentine President to pay a state visit to Canada and welcomed this opportunity to strengthen the already close and friendly relations between the two countries. President Frondizi outlined the purpose and scope of plans now being implemented to accelerate economic development in Argentina. The Prime Minister expressed his sympathy with the programme and its objectives. President Frondizi indicated his hope that Canada could contribute to this development through the provision of technical assistance and long-term credits. The importance of Canadian private investments in Argentina was also stressed.

"President Frondizi and the Prime Minister examined particularly the implications for both countries

of new regional economic groupings on both sides of the Atlantic. Attention was also given to problems of international trade in agricultural commodities, which affect both countries as major grain exporters. President Frondizi indicated his desire to increase Argentine exports to Canada. It was agreed that an examination would be made of the possibilities of a mutual expansion of commercial relations, consistent with the multilateral obligations of both countries.

## POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC PROBLEMS

"President Frondizi and the Prime Minister exchanged views on political and economic questions of special interest to Canada and Argentina as countries of the Western hemisphere. The Prime Minister reviewed the steps taken in recent years to expand Canadian relations in Latin America. President Frondizi welcomed the increased participation of Canada in inter-American affairs, particularly in view of the important political and economic role which he feels Canada should play in this area. They recognized that economic development and the elevation of living standards were the most effective means of preventing the spread of Communism and foreign ideologies throughout the Americas. At the same time, they emphasized the similarity of the Canadian and Argentine positions on questions before the United Nations, which is reflected in the close co-operation between the delegations of both countries to this organization.

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