

On the subject of the co-operation programme, the two sides discussed ongoing projects and laid the foundation for future operations based on two priority sectors, namely rural development and forestry. The Zairean side expressed its satisfaction with Canada's decision to continue to provide support for projects under way and to increase its financial and technical assistance by the introduction of new co-operation mechanisms.

The parties examined a number of new projects that would contribute to the economic and social development of Zaire in the coming years. Canada gave assurances that it would co-operate actively toward speedily achieving the goals that had been set, within the limits of the available financial and human resources.

Also examined by the two delegations was the state of trade relations between the two countries. They agreed to seek ways of increasing the volume of exchanges.

The delegations were pleased with the constructive, open climate that characterized the work. They observed that the positive results derived from the meeting would doubtless give fresh impetus to co-operation between the two countries.

Heartfelt thanks were expressed by the Zairean delegation to the Canadian government for the warm reception it had received while in Canada.