

- Assist voluntary organizations, with the generous support of thousands of Canadians, in their efforts to aid famine victims. Manage, in consultation with the volunteer sector and CIDA, a fund of \$18 million to be used mainly for recovery projects devised by non-governmental organizations.
- Act as coordinator, facilitator and Government spokesperson towards all the organizations, authorities, groups and individuals concerned with the African crisis. In this regard, to manage a special \$1.5 million fund to be used to provide assistance to projects devised by individuals or groups for communication programs, twinning of regions and municipalities in Canada and Africa, exchanges in the health field, joint ventures, and any other project designed to bring assistance to drought-stricken areas.
- Serve as a link with provincial governments and encourage them to provide support and assistance.
- Take an active role in dialogue with other donor countries and international organizations providing emergency aid to Africa, wherever it is required. Participate in the work of the group of consultants which will prepare proposals for the ministers of foreign affairs of Economic Summit countries on closer cooperation with African countries, and report to the Secretary of State for External Affairs and the Minister for External Relations.
- Using CIDA's regular channels or specially recruited staff, arrange any mission considered necessary to ensure that Canada's emergency aid reaches its destinations.
- Provide advice on all assistance programs which are likely to affect drought-stricken countries.
- Facilitate the conduct of studies recommended in the «The African Famine and Canada's Response» report.
- Organize one or more symposiums on Canada's policy on Africa, for the Minister for External Relations.

In accomplishing these tasks, the coordinator will have access to all levels of the government machinery in the performance of his duties.

As you will have noted, this new mandate involves, to a great extent, the implementation of the recommendations which you made to the Government as well as those of the Standing Committee on External Affairs and National Defence, to whom the Government will respond officially in coming weeks.