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commercial costs that this decision entails at a time when most foodstuffs are in short supply; and we have allowed for a gradual increase in Canadian assistance through multilateral institutions -- in effect, the component in our program that is completely untied to Canadian procurements.

Before drawing attention to some of the specific innovations put forward in the document, I should like to emphasize the two pervasive themes that run through it and that, as they are put into practice in coming years, will really give a "new look" to Canada's international development policy; one is "multidimensionality", the other is flexibility.

In deciding to rely in the future on multiple instruments to accelerate international development, the Government is attempting, in effect, to end the "splendid isolation" that has tended to characterize the development-assistance program, within the spectrum of international economic policies, and the consequent reduction of Canada's international development policy to its aid program. In other words, the Canadian perspective on world development is being widened. While continuing to attach a high priority to the volume, quality and effectiveness of development assistance, the Government intends to introduce, more systematically and more forcefully, developmental considerations in policy planning in other fields, such as trade and monetary reform, domestic and international investment and transfers of technology. Perhaps I should caution you against too great expectations on this score. Canadian interests have always loomed large and will continue to loom large in the shaping of this wider range of economic policies. A more coherent effort will be made, in the future, to reconcile Canadian interests with the interests of the developing world. In my view, the scope for such reconciliation is much greater than is often realized; but the extent to which we shall succeed will depend on the co-operation of developing countries, their flexibility, their willingness to negotiate transitional measures -- in effect, to engage to some extent in joint development planning with industrialized countries such as Canada.

As the document states: "Movement towards the use of non-aid instruments establishes a direction of overall change that will take several years to implement fully. The first steps of what may be called a 'multidimensional approach' would be necessarily investigative and exploratory, given the need to assess carefully the impact of all initiatives on the Canadian economy and to plan where necessary compensatory measures. These first steps eventually will lead to specific policy recommendations."

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