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- On ODA, this country has a massive debt ... and one of the things that imposes upon us is that when we make budgetary decisions, we can choose how much we spend on ODA and we can choose how much we spend on other things.
- We cannot choose how much we spend on paying the interest on our debt. We have to spend now 32¢ of every dollar a year. It is going to be 35¢. We have to stop that because if we do not stop that then there will be nothing left to spend on ODA. Let us dwell in a real world, not some kind of a dream world. We have to deal with that problem.
- If the economy succeeds, ODA grows ... Therefore, while all Canadians have an interest in a strong economy, people who are interested in official development assistance have a particular interest in a strong economy because as the Canadian economy grows, the amount of money we are able to spend on official development assistance also grows.

CSCE *

- There have been some very important changes in the Soviet Union's attitude to human rights; there is still room for improvement, but the changes are nevertheless very important. We decided it would be better for us if the conference were held in Moscow, because this would allow us to continue applying pressure for reform. That is why we announced Canada's support. I believe Canada was the last country to accept Moscow as the place for the meeting, and we did request some changes.

* ODA: Official Development Assistance

* CSCE: Conference on Security and Cooperation in Europe