

to develop rapidly, and by improving Canadian knowledge and understanding of those countries and their regional institutions, prepare for a better-informed and more useful Canadian participation as a full member of the OAS should Canada, at some future date, opt for full participation. To facilitate this process and to enable the Canadian Government to follow developments of interest to it on a systematic basis, it is intended that, if the OAS member countries agree, a formal link between Canada and the OAS countries will be established at a suitable level."

That link has been established, Mr. President, and Canada is here.