

- In the Uruguay Round, special attention is being paid to the need to involve and to assist developing countries, especially the poorest, to participate fully.
- Donor coordination has been strengthened. And World Bank Consultative Group have brought more relevant and effective assistance.

These developments represent movement. And in better times they might have produced results which we could look upon with satisfaction. But, in current circumstances, it is only too evident that the response is not adequate. It is partial, piecemeal and short term.

One of the outcomes of our deliberations here must be a renewed commitment to more concerted efforts to implement the Recovery Programme. We, the world community, must address ourselves to the possible. And we, in unison, must accomplish what now may appear impossible: more and better assistance, more quickly given. In this regard, we look forward to the ideas and recommendations of the Secretary General's Advisory Group on resource flows.

We in Canada have accepted our responsibilities. The tragedy of Africa has been acutely felt by Canadians and it is of the highest priority for the Canadian Government. In 1984 and 1985, we responded rapidly and generously to the immediate problem of famine. Early last year, Canada set in place the Africa 2000 programme, a \$150 million initiative to help build a strong and self-reliant Africa by the year 2000. We declared a moratorium on outstanding aid debt for Sub-Saharan Africa and converted our Development Assistance program throughout the world to an all grant basis.

This year, Canada has gone further:

- At the Venice Summit, our Prime Minister, Brian Mulroney, drew attention to (and presented ideas on how to relieve) the debt burden of the poorest countries.
- In the context of the Uruguay Round, Canada has begun a programme of consultations and training designed to enable developing countries better to pursue and protect their trading interests in the MTN.
- We have supported longer rescheduling periods and concessional interest rates for the poorest in the Paris Club.