

have been clearly and forthrightly set out in the revisions to your Charter, and they, in turn, are a reflection of the increase in the emphasis placed on social and economic development by the member governments of this Organization. We welcome this new statement of high principle, which is entirely compatible with what we consider to be the essence of our own policy review.

It is because Canadians share these ideals that my Government intends to increase, so far as its means permit, its contribution to your arsenal for peace. To this end, we should like to take a number of steps in the development-assistance field that will more than double our present allocation of funds to Latin America. Similarly, the Canadian Government would like to participate as a full member of five more inter-American organizations dealing with social or economic questions. In addition, because Canadians wish to foster economic growth, the Canadian Government is going to initiate measures designed to increase trade in both directions and to promote private investment in Latin America, although only in a manner which fully respects the policies and interests of host countries.

There remains the question of Canada's relations with the OAS. The Government has carefully considered the question of whether Canada should seek membership at this time and has decided that, while it may be that, in future, a Canadian Government will conclude that Canada should join, the best present course for Canada is to draw closer to individual Latin American countries and to selected institutions of the OAS and other inter-American institutions, thus preparing for whatever role it may in future be called upon to play in the western hemisphere and gaining the added experience that is indispensable in a complex milieu few Canadians yet know very intimately.

As you know, Canada already sends observers to some meetings of the Inter-American Economic and Social Council, the Council of Education, Science and Culture and the Committee of the Alliance for Progress, as well as of the IADB. Canada is a member of the Pan-American Institute for Geography and History, the Inter-American Centre of Tax Administrators and the Centre for Latin American Monetary Studies. The Canadian Government wishes to strengthen its links with these organizations.

In addition, Canada will seek full membership in the following inter-American organizations: the Pan-American Health Organization, the Inter-American Institute of Agricultural Sciences, the Inter-American Indian Institute, the Inter-American Conference on Social Security, and the Inter-American Export Promotion Centre. Canada will also contribute to the Inter-American Emergency Assistance Fund.

Finally, if the member countries of the OAS should be agreeable, the Canadian Government would be interested in establishing a formal link between Canada and the OAS at a suitable level. We should envisage a Canadian representative as having the status of a permanent observer. We should hope that he would be able to attend, on a continuing basis, meetings of inter-American bodies in which Canada had an interest and at which Canadian attendance would be appropriate. As the principal channel between Canada and the OAS, we should envisage his concerning himself with all aspects of inter-American affairs in which the Canadian Government might legitimately take an interest. We believe that such