

political will to pursue the multilateral approach in tackling the most pressing issues in the international economic system.

Ministers reviewed the situation in Central America. The Mexican delegation outlined recent activities of the Contadora Group and their expectations that the diplomatic efforts would result in some solid progress in the near future. Canadian Ministers were fully supportive of the efforts of the Contadora countries. They declared that Canada remains concerned and committed to a peaceful resolution of the problems in Central America.

The Ministers reiterated their deep anxiety about the situation in Central America. They strongly urge that the commitments undertaken by Central American governments at the Panama meeting in September be reinforced by more far-reaching cooperation within the spirit of Contadora. The Ministers equally urged outside governments to refrain from actions which obstruct the essential process of cooperation, reconciliation and peace in Central America.

The Ministers discussed recent developments in the Caribbean. They noted that the events of recent weeks that culminated in the death of Prime Minister Bishop of Grenada were to be deplored and condemned. Equally they expressed their serious concern about the invasion of Grenada by foreign troops. The invasion of Grenada has reinforced concerns that such conflict aggravates regional and global tensions.

The principles embodied in the charter of the United Nations constitute norms for the international community. The preservation of these principles is in the common interest of all countries of the hemisphere.

Ministers of both Canada and Mexico condemned the use of force in international relations and reaffirmed the need for full respect for the principles of non-intervention, territorial integrity, self-determination and the sovereignty of all states.

Ministers agreed that the next meeting of the Joint Ministerial Committee should take place in Mexico during 1985.