

Development Programme (UNDP) and the Caribbean Development Bank (CDB)) for funds for economic and social development; to the UK for budgetary support and foreign aid; and to the USA, Canada and Europe as sources of tourism and as trading partners. There is some economic migration from Haiti and the Dominican Republic to help meet the demand for workers in the tourist and construction industry. The Islands are not a full member of the Caribbean Community (CARICOM), although the TCI is a member of associated institutions such as the Caribbean Development Bank (CDB) and the University of the West Indies (UWI).

Bilateral Contacts With Canada

Canada's interests in the Turks and Caicos Islands are monitored by the Canadian High Commission in Kingston, Jamaica. In 1987 both a Committee of the Progressive Conservative Caucus under the Chairmanship of former MP David Daubney and a Senate Committee, which also studied the question of Canada's relationship with the Turks and Caicos Islands, concluded that it would be inappropriate for the Canadian Government to take any initiative on question of association with the Islands. (See Appendices 1 and 2.)

As a British dependency the Islands are able to benefit in a modest way from the Canadian International Development Agency's (CIDA): regional program in the Caribbean; the Canada Fund; the Industrial Development Cooperation program; partnership programs with Canadian Non-governmental Organizations (NGOs) as well as through the multilateral delivery channel. In FY 1987/88 Canada provided a total of Cdn \$0.23 million in foreign aid to the Islands. This consisted of \$0.19 million in bilateral assistance and an estimated \$0.04 million through the multilateral delivery channel. Canadian bilateral assistance has been focussed on the transportation sector, human resource development and local initiatives.

In 1988 Canada exported Cdn \$0.673 million to the Turks and Caicos Islands and imported \$0.008 million. Major Canadian exports included electrical equipment and parts, food and beverages and machinery and mechanical appliances. Imports to Canada from the Islands consisted of plants and cut flowers. (See Appendices 5 and 6.)

The Islands benefit from Canadian programs for Commonwealth Caribbean trade investment and industrial cooperation (CARIBCAN).

In 1986 approximately 2,200 Canadians visited the Turks and Caicos Islands (i.e. about 7% of all tourists to the Islands that year). An estimated 4,100 Canadians visited the TCI in 1988. Currently there are four Canadians registered as resident in the Islands (although there may be 50-75 Canadians