

very much to be welcomed because the tasks of aid and development are becoming more and more complex.

What about improving the quality of our aid? What of the danger of dispersing our efforts? If we want to have an effective international development assistance programme, it must make the maximum development impact and be efficiently run. It is natural that, as Canada becomes more and more an important source of development assistance, an increasing number of countries should look to us. We must ensure that our aid goes where it can do the most good.

Over the coming year, the Government intends to submit this question to careful examination. We shall look at such questions as: In which sectors do Canadian experience and resources meet the needs of the developing countries best? In which countries will our aid be used most effectively? Should we think in terms of countries of concentration as we did in the past or of continuing and integrated programmes in some parts of the world? What about assistance to regional projects?

Without anticipating the results of the careful work which has been initiated, I would expect that our development assistance programme will continue to grow in Africa and Asia where the requirements of Pakistan, Bangladesh and India are expected to be very large in the future years. I already referred to our membership in the Inter-American Development Bank. This is a reflection of our increasing interest for that part of the world. I would also expect our bilateral technical assistance programmes in Latin America to grow towards a level of \$10 million a year. We have channelled to the Caribbean area by far the largest amount of Canadian aid on a per capita basis. We are continuing our efforts to ensure that funds available to the Caribbean are fully and effectively utilized and particular emphasis will be placed on programmes designed to meet the needs of the smaller islands.

I have commented on our bilateral and multilateral programmes. I should also refer to our programmes in support of research and non-governmental organizations. Here again I would see increases over the coming years in the level of our support to these activities. These organizations are playing an important role in helping the developing countries. They can frequently do so in a more flexible and experimental way than government agencies. Research is also important. We intend to continue to support the activities of the International Development Research Centre as well as other research institutes located in the developing countries themselves.