

International development is the great imperative of our generation. It is an immense task which lies ahead of us. It is vital that we set our objectives high and pursue them vigorously. If we do, I have no doubt that we possess the resources and the skill to do much to eradicate hunger, poverty and disease throughout the world before the end of the present century.

But the Government cannot do this work on its own. It will require voluntary organizations and private individuals and business corporations and universities, all working in partnership, all marching towards the goal of raising the living standards of the developing countries. Fundamental to the attaining of these goals will be the creation in Canada of a wide measure of public support and understanding. We must become citizens of the world, exhibiting the concern for people and communities far from our shores that you have exhibited in this city and which you are commending this evening.

This is our challenge. Toward this end we must put forth our maximum efforts. There is no doubt in my mind that our generation will be judged in history on the success or failure of our efforts in this greatest human adventure of all time.

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