

126. The encouragement offered to potential investors by the Canadian Government—in the form of CIDA incentives and EDC investment insurance—is a valuable complement to the official aid programme, and there are indications that the response from the Pacific region has been very good.

F. The Work of Non-governmental Agencies

127. Similarly complementary to the official programme of development assistance is the work of non-governmental agencies concerned with development cooperation. While this kind of Canadian involvement in the Pacific region has historic roots, it is not now as intensive as in some other areas of the world. As in other fields, however, Canadian activity is growing rapidly. The Committee's discussion with representatives of the Canadian University Service Overseas (CUSO)—which has the most personnel in the field—made it clear that the agencies are learning rapidly about the area and that their services are increasingly sought-after by local governments. Here again, the Government recognizes the complementary developmental role of these groups and provides a substantial portion of their financing. The Committee believes that this is a worthwhile use of aid funds, and that further support will be justified as these agencies expand their work in the Pacific region.