

IN THIS REGION, CANADA REMAINS DEEPLY CONCERNED ABOUT THE CONTINUED STALEMATE IN CAMBODIA, WHILE THE MAIN BENEFICIARIES ARE THE USSR, WHOSE INTERNATIONAL POLITICAL AMBITIONS ARE WELL KNOWN, AND VIETNAM ITSELF. WE DEEPLY APPRECIATE ASEAN EFFORTS TO REACH AN EQUITABLE AND PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT, AND PLEDGE YOU OUR UNWAVERING SUPPORT. CANADA AGAIN, THIS YEAR, CO-SPONSORED THE UN RESOLUTION CALLING FOR THE WITHDRAWAL OF ALL FOREIGN FORCES FROM CAMBODIA, AND FOR A COMPREHENSIVE POLITICAL SETTLEMENT. THE COALITION GOVERNMENT'S EIGHT-POINT PEACE PLAN MADE PROPOSALS WHICH MERIT SERIOUS CONSIDERATION. I WOULD BE INTERESTED IN KNOWING YOUR CURRENT THINKING ON NEW INITIATIVES WHICH MIGHT BE DEVELOPED TO MOVE VIETNAM FROM ITS INFLEXIBLE POSITION ON CAMBODIA.

CANADA, FOR THE THIRD YEAR, WILL SUPPORT YOUR REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE TO THE COALITION GOVERNMENT OF DEMOCRATIC KAMPUCHEA (CGDK). WE WILL PROVIDE A GRANT OF \$40,000 FOR DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE TO THE NON-COMMUNIST ELEMENTS OF THE CGDK.

WE ARE HIGHLY CONSCIOUS OF THE FACT THAT THIS CONFLICT HAS WROUGHT CONSIDERABLE HARDSHIP ON THE PEOPLE LIVING ALONG THE THAI-CAMBODIA BORDER. I VISITED THE AREA A YEAR AGO, AND WAS IMPRESSED BY THEIR COURAGE, DETERMINATION AND HOPE. CANADA HAS CONTRIBUTED OVER \$32 MILLION TO PROVIDE MEANINGFUL SUPPORT TO CAMBODIAN AND THAI CIVILIANS IN THE BORDER REGION THAT LEVEL OF SUPPORT WILL CONTINUE. WE WILL ALSO CONTINUE TO DO OUR SHARE IN TAKING REFUGEES FROM THE REGION, MANY OF WHOM HAVE SOUGHT FIRST ASYLUM IN ASEAN COUNTRIES. . . /4