

invitation of Mr. Lumley, who himself visited Brazil in December 1981. Industry Minister Penna, Agriculture Minister Stabile and Planning Minister Delfim Netto were also invited to Canada.

Our relations with Brazil are mainly of an economic nature. Canada investment in Brazil has a long history and now totals \$1.2 billion. Our banks are very active there, and the loans they have made total nearly \$5 billion. Last year trade between us exceeded \$1 billion. Our traditional export products are wheat, coal, potassium and newsprint. Canadian imports from Brazil totalled \$429 million in 1981, and consisted mainly of agricultural and manufactured products. Last year, coffee accounted for 16% of our imports, and motor vehicles 13%. We also imported frozen orange juice, shoes, clothing and textiles. The EDC has had very positive results in Brazil. Brazil attaches much importance to the sectors of energy, communications and transport, as was reflected in the sale of Canadian equipment financed by the EDC.

CIDA began a program of bilateral aid in Brazil in 1968. Following the visit of the Prime Minister to Brazil in January 1981, Canada decided to continue its program of technological cooperation with Brazil. The budget for the renewed program will be in the order of \$5 million per year. Brazil also receives non-governmental aid and \$350,000 in mission administered funds each year. The IDRC is financing projects in Brazil valued at \$800,000, and the Canadian Executive Service Overseas has sent some 200 volunteers there, its largest contingent in any country.

In recent years, Canada has had many consultations with Brazil on international questions such as the law of the sea and North-South dialogue.

Canada has had a cultural agreement with Brazil since 1944. However, financial constraints compel us to hold our cultural activities with Brazil down to a modest level. The Embassy and the two Consulates General have a very active film distribution service. Periodic screenings are scheduled on an itinerant basis. The National Film Board is very interested in the possibility of participating in a program of technical cooperation and joint production with Embracine, its Brazilian counterpart. A group of four Brazilian journalists recently visited Canada at the invitation of the Department of External Affairs. Finally, two scholarships are awarded annually by Canada to Brazilian students.

There is a science and technology agreement between the Natural Science and Engineering Research Council and its Brazilian equivalent. In addition, the Medical Research Council has shown an interest in signing an agreement with the Brazilian National Research Council to promote scientific exchanges.