

resources allow. The bulk of our assistance will continue to be provided to the poorest developing countries.

Trade Liberalization

It is fundamental to the development of the countries of the Third World that their exports have access to the markets of the industrialized countries. Of course their mutual trade and access to one another's markets is also of major importance. We are working through the multi-lateral trade negotiations in Geneva for trade liberalization measures which will have a beneficial impact on the economies of developing countries. In connection with industrial development and further processing of raw materials in producing countries, Canada has made specific proposals in the MTN which, we believe, will be beneficial to the developing countries producing certain important raw materials.

The establishment of generalized preference schemes has been an important means of encouraging the exports of developing countries. We welcome the improvement others have made in their schemes. Canada proposes to broaden its system through the work of the tropical products group of the MTN and also intends to extend its geographical coverage to include all the least developed of developing countries and all the former Portuguese territories whether or not they have most-favoured nation agreements with Canada.

Within the MTN Canada will seek improvement of rules on the application of safeguard actions, including those applied against the products of developing countries, which will ensure that such actions are temporary and subject to international guidelines and surveillance. We will be reviewing our current adjustment assistance measures in the context of the MTN and will be taking into account the interests of developing countries as they relate to the longer term evolution of the Canadian economy.

Finally in the area of trade, Canada is examining various alternatives for using aid funds to establish a trade facilitation office to assist developing countries seeking to export to the Canadian market. The UNCTAD/GATT International Trade Centre could play an important role in this endeavour.