

position to do so, will support the substantial new programme of action in a manner consistent with their abilities.

Mr. President, Canada has played an active and, we believe, positive role in the preparations for this conference. We are ready to play an equally active and positive role during the course of the conference. We are committed to make it a success. We believe the elements for success exist already: a recognition among industrialized countries and better-off developing countries of the need for an accelerated programme of technical and financial assistance for the least-developed countries; an undertaking by the least-developed countries themselves to implement the required policies to promote development; and a willingness of both North and South to implement the mechanisms for open and frank consultations to ensure that activities are effectively co-ordinated and coherently applied. With good will on all sides, this conference may be remembered as a major milestone on the road to a new, more equitable international economic order.