

This insight from the Prime Minister is very indicative of the spirit of September 4 and of the profound development that Canadian society has undergone. In the early '60s, we placed high hopes in the State and Government as ways of achieving our collective goals. This stage of development was a necessary one. Every society worthy of the name must use government as an instrument for its development.

However, by the end of the '70s, Canadian men and women found that their government had gone too far in this direction and had unduly multiplied the government services, Crown Corporations and regulatory bodies. They found that the government had taken an attitude of condescension toward groups, academic, research and business circles and social intervenors. Finally, they saw that the situation of our public finances might well be a very severe handicap for the coming generation.

The mandate that we have received from the Canadian people is to correct this trajectory, and we are determined to do so.

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This leads me to the question of Canada's relations with the African countries.

I am aware of the extent to which a government with the intentions that I have just referred to can create uncertainty in the international community, especially in the countries of the south, and in international business circles.

Let me give you a figure that should allay such fears. Early in March I chaired the Canadian delegation to the United Nations Conference on the emergency situation in Africa. I announced that the Canadian government would during the current fiscal year spend more than \$850 million in the aggregate.

The firmness of my Government's commitment to Africa is beyond question. And the remarkable display of generosity displayed by Canadians when the extent of the African famine became clear, underlines this eloquently. We have realized, as a nation, that our future is tied to yours.

Thus it is clear that the substantial relations that already exist between Canada and the African countries are there to stay. We have some significant links with the Commonwealth and the international Francophone institutions. We also attach much importance to the links that our citizens, our businessmen, our government officials, union people, development workers and academics have created and fostered over the years.