

transportation should also emphasize full discussion of the future potential for air-freight services, and should be closely tied to specific programmes of two-way trade promotion.

### Conclusions and Recommendations (X)

General  
Progress

1. The Senate Committee has been encouraged by the progress made on a number of issues relating to transport and communications since the 1966 Conference and considers that this sector will continue to be an important focus for Canadian development assistance to the Caribbean.

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2. The question of direct Canada-Caribbean shipping, a concern of the 1966 Conference, has been examined in some depth by the Committee. Because of its crucial relationship to trade possibilities, the Committee believes that the whole question of direct transportation could be discussed very usefully in new multilateral talks with the Caribbean governments.

While such discussions could deal with the shipping study prepared by the Canadian Government, they should also emphasize the potential for air-freight services. The prospects for all forms of air transportation between Canada and the Caribbean will improve rapidly as innovation proceeds in the field.