

of these stakeholders in sustainable development, natural and agricultural resources is recognized and sought after worldwide.

We believe that hunger is a global problem requiring a solution of co-operation at all levels of society and the international community. Only a genuine partnership that will contribute to the exchange of knowledge will enable us to achieve our objectives of world food equilibrium and sustainable development.

I conclude by taking advantage of this opportunity to reaffirm Canada's commitment to the FAO. This is a commitment not only to reinforce international co-operation for world food security and sustainable development, but to underline our attachment to the basic principles of the United Nations.

The international community must, in a common effort, continue to fight against the scourge of hunger, malnutrition and poverty that has plagued our world for far too long.

Thank you.