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Development Assistance

Canada's development assistance efforts in Thailand are channelled through a multitude of programs. Their focus is to assist Thailand in the transition from an agricultural to an industrialized economy. In the process, Canada seeks to foster a wide range of links with Thailand which will endure and create a partnership of mutual benefit between the two countries. The Canadian International Development Agency's (CIDA's) Bilateral Program has been the major source of funding for projects in Thailand since 1981. Other CIDA programs in support of non-governmental organizations, the Canadian private sector and other international and multilateral agencies represent the balance of Canada's aid related efforts in Thailand.

4.1 Bilateral Program

Re-established as a core program in 1981, the Thailand program has met with much success. It was formulated with a view to the long-term

evolution of the Thai economy. From the outset, the program strategy made development a priority, yet foresaw the possibilities for economically viable partnerships between the private sectors of both countries. The goal of the program is to create self-sustaining mechanisms aimed at broadening co-operation and economic links between the two countries.

The Economic Co-operation Agreement, signed between Thailand and Canada in July 1988, is effectively designed to complement Canada's development assistance program in Thailand. It provides a broad framework for Canada-Thailand economic, commercial, development and trade co-operation over the long-term and a mechanism for the transition to a non-aid based collaborative relationship between Canada and Thailand.

CIDA's Program in Thailand now focuses on: institutional linkages and human resources development; private sector development; and environmental and natural resources development.

TABLE VIII **DISBURSEMENT PROFILE:**
CANADA'S DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM
(\$ CDN millions)

CHANNELS	1984/85	1989/90
A. Government-to-Government (Bilateral Program)	7.24	20.31
B. Mission Administered Fund	-	0.45
C. Institutional Co-operation and Development Services Program	0.29	1.42
D. Non-Governmental Organizations Program	0.43	0.66
E. International Non-Governmental Organizations Program	-	-
F. Industrial Co-operation Program	2.60	2.21
G. International Humanitarian Assistance Program	2.46	1.88
H. Food Aid	-	-
I. International Development Research Centre	2.30	3.11
J. Petro-Canada International Assistance Corporation	6.69	2.07
K. International Centre for Ocean Development	-	-
L. Provincial Government Contributions	-	-
TOTAL	22.02	32.11

Source: CIDA