

distribution centres and recovery projects.

7. Provide advice on all assistance programs which are likely to affect drought-stricken countries.

During interdepartmental meetings and in discussions with ministers and senior officials of the Canadian International Development Agency, the International Development Research Centre and the Department of External Affairs, the Coordinator put forward the views developed during his missions in Africa and his meetings with representatives from other donor countries and African nations. His final conclusions and recommendations can be found in his report.

8. Facilitate the conduct of studies recommended in "The African Famine and Canada's Response".

A number of initiatives are now being carried out: a study to assess the value of regrouping shipments from Canadian donor organizations to Africa, a twinning project involving Canadian and African communities based on the *Adopt-a-Village* program initiated in Nova Scotia, as well as a health pilot project. Finally, negotiations are underway on a CIDA project to assist in improving Ethiopia's early warning system.

9. Organize one or more symposiums on Canada's policy on Africa, for the Minister for External Relations.

Considerable efforts were devoted in the last months of the Coordinator's mandate to the organization of Forum Africa, which began on September 4, 1985, in the city halls of Ottawa and Hull. With five regional sessions and a national forum in Ottawa, Forum Africa allowed Canadians of different ages and walks of life to evaluate the African crisis, to learn from it and to reflect on the role they could play in the recovery of those African countries suffering from famine. A separate report and a videotape on Forum Africa are being produced.