

conflicts. They also reiterated the commitment of their respective governments to cooperate in the international field in order to achieve peace and progress of all nations.

53. The two Foreign Ministers had a wide-ranging and frank exchange on the current situation in Latin America, with special reference to Central America and the Caribbean. They expressed the hope that the existing conflicts in Central America will be resolved by means of the free expression of the will of the respective peoples and without foreign interference. They also agreed on the importance of providing unconditional economic assistance to the developing countries in Central America and the Caribbean to promote social and economic development in the countries concerned. The two Foreign Ministers also agreed that officials of the two governments should continue to exchange views on these subjects on a regular basis.

54. The Canadian Foreign Minister explained the importance which Canada attaches to its relations with the Commonwealth Caribbean and welcomed Mexico's increased interest in that area by the energy cooperation programme established by Mexico and Venezuela for the countries of Central America and the Caribbean within the spirit of the global energy plan proposed by Mexico to the United Nations.

International Cooperation for Development

55. The Ministers recognized the increasing urgency and importance of achieving effective advances in international economic cooperation for development. The fact that, in spite of repeated attempts, it has not yet been possible to achieve the understandings which will permit the initiation of global negotiations with regard to raw materials, energy, trade development and money finance, constitutes a clear indication that it is necessary to find, and put in practice, formulae which permit the effective mobilization of the political will that is needed to resolve the principal problems of international economic relations.

56. Both countries have committed their efforts to the exploration of one of these formulae: the convening in Mexico in June 1981 of an international meeting regarding cooperation and development at the level of Heads of State and/or of Government. The Ministers agreed to continue participating actively in the preparations for this meeting and confirmed their intention to attend the March preparatory meeting of Foreign Ministers in Vienna. They noted with pleasure that the Prime