

education, particularly in fields of professional education. More and more young women are enrolling in such professions as law and medicine. There has also been a noticeable increase in the numbers of young women entering such faculties as business administration, commerce and finance, fields which until recently were sadly lacking insofar as women students were concerned.

The Government of Canada has been in full accord with the World Plan of Action first devised during International Women's Year at the United Nations Conference in Mexico. Consistent with its support of the World Plan of Action, a new Canadian Plan of Action is about to be submitted for Cabinet approval which will be designed to cover the remaining years of the Decade, and the years beyond. The new national Plan will be less concerned with the enactment of new laws, since this program is by now almost complete. It will be more concerned to ensure that the effects of existing law do not discriminate against women, particularly in this time of economic difficulty. In the international field, Canada has always endeavoured to make her contribution. Canada stands ready to support others who are determined to ensure that international economic policies are pursued in such a way as to advance the well-being of total populations, to be sure that economic progress has an equitable impact on both men and women alike. The Canadian Government maintains a keen interest in promoting on a multilateral and bilateral basis, programs which will not only meet the development needs of all peoples in general, but will ensure for women an economic and social position which the international community has come to recognize. The role of women in the economy and in society has been recognized, as witnessed by the United Nations Decade for Women, and it is the hope of the Canadian Delegation that such constructive efforts should be continued. We will have an opportunity to assess the programs anew at the World Conference to be held in 1980.