

FOOD NEEDS, AS WELL AS THOSE OF THE CANADIAN GRAIN INDUSTRY, TO HARNESS THE PRODUCTIVE CAPABILITIES OF NORTH AMERICAN PRODUCERS IN AN AGREEMENT THAT PROVIDES A BASIS FOR REASONABLE RETURNS AND STABLE SUPPLIES.

I HAVE SPOKEN AT LENGTH ABOUT TWO OF THE KEY FACTORS IN IMPROVING WORLD FOOD SECURITY - PRODUCTION AND TRADE - BECAUSE OF THEIR RELATION TO YOU.

THE THIRD KEY FACTOR IN IMPROVED GLOBAL FOOD SECURITY IS AID. IN THE PAST, OUR PRINCIPAL FOCUS IN THIS AREA WAS FOOD AID. MORE RECENTLY, IT HAS BEEN RECOGNIZED THAT WHILE FOOD AID WILL CONTINUE TO BE IMPORTANT IN RESPONDING TO EMERGENCY SITUATIONS, THE FOCUS OF OUR EFFORTS MUST SHIFT TO ASSIST IN DEVELOPING THE FOOD AND AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION CAPABILITIES OF THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES. OUR FOOD AID EFFORTS ARE SHIFTING TOWARDS A CONCEPT STRONGLY SUPPORTED BY GERRY VOGEL, FORMER HEAD OF THE WORLD FOOD PROGRAM - THAT IS THE USE OF FOOD AS DEVELOPMENT CAPITAL IN FOOD FOR WORK PROJECTS.

ONE OF THE THREE KEY PRIORITIES IN CIDA'S 5-YEAR DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY WILL BE AGRICULTURAL AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT - THIS SECTOR WILL IN FACT ACCOUNT FOR SOME 45 PERCENT OF OUR TOTAL AID BUDGET OVER THE NEXT FIVE YEARS. AS I MENTIONED EARLIER, THE CONTRIBUTIONS CANADA IS MAKING ARE MAJOR ONES, BOTH BILATERALLY AND MULTILATERALLY, IN THE AREAS OF RESEARCH, EDUCATION AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE. I THINK THIS AREA WILL BE ONE OF CANADA'S MORE IMPORTANT CONTRIBUTIONS TO LONG-TERM WORLD FOOD SECURITY, AND IN SOME CASES MAY LEAD TO IMPORTANT COMMERCIAL SPIN-OFFS.

THIS TALK HAS BRIEFLY COVERED SOME OF THE FOREIGN POLICY ASPECTS OF THE INTERNATIONAL GRAINS INDUSTRY AND THE CANADIAN ROLE IN IT. WHAT IS IMPORTANT TO NOTE, I THINK, IS THAT THERE IS A WELL DEVELOPED INTERNATIONAL FOOD SECURITY SYSTEM OF