

## Chapter IV

### FUTURE POLICY: SYSTEMATIC STRENGTHENING OF LINKS

The mainspring of the Government's policy is the proposition that, between Canada and Latin American countries as neighbours is one hemisphere, between Canada and regional groupings of such countries and between Canadians and Latin Americans on a people-to-people basis, there are expanding possibilities for mutual benefits, especially in terms of economic growth, enhancement of the quality of life and promotion of social justice between different parts of the hemisphere. The various facets of Canada's relations with Latin America will tend to be mutually reinforcing. Best results can be obtained in any one field by a comprehensive approach in all main fields. While Canada's involvement in the Inter-American System will visibly broaden and deepen under this policy, its central aim will be to enable Canada to play a distinctively Canadian role in those aspects of hemispheric affairs which are of importance to Canada and at the same time to reinforce Canadian independence by more incisively defining a hitherto somewhat blurred dimension of Canada's external relations. There will be maximum scope for Canada to learn more about the workings of the Inter-American System in its various aspects and to appraise the possibilities for future collaboration. Canada will be able to work with and through UN organizations in Latin America.

#### Objectives of the Policy

The objectives of the Government's policy are:

- a) to develop and strengthen, in a coherent and clear-cut way, Canada's distinctive position in hemispheric affairs, in terms both of Canadian national interests and of Canada's relationships with Latin American countries individually and collectively;