

The Bonn Summit also endorsed strengthening the World Bank. In Canada's view, the Bank should be given a more differentiated role in financing the longer-term growth and adjustment of development countries like ASEAN. To address the special financial problems faced by countries which are neither among the poorest nor among the major debtors, Canada outlined a possible World Bank intermediate financing facility. This third window facility would assist the Philippines among ASEAN countries, and other nations elsewhere, in strengthening and diversifying their economies. Canada's Minister of Finance is urging that this question be discussed at the IMF/World Bank Development Committee Meeting in Seoul in October.

Canada also supports the case-by-case approach to managing problems of indebtedness in the third world. At the same time, we are sensitive to the social and political costs of adjustment in debtor countries. We recognize that adjustment policies must acquire and maintain credibility with the populations of less developed countries. Adjustment policies above all must lead to a resumption of economic growth.

At the ASEAN Conference last week, I stressed that the issues of global trade and finance are of vital importance to the future prosperity of all countries. I emphasized the high priority that Canada places on building international consensus to rejuvenate the multilateral trading system. Canada believes that a successful MTN must offer advantages to both developed and developing countries. To this end, I am sending a mission here in September to meet with your officials on these issues.

This visit to the ASEAN region has served to heighten my understanding and perspective of your very real political and strategic problems. These matters of national significance to Thailand impose a heavy strain on your energies and resources. Thailand has had to bear a significant burden as a result of the masses of refugees and displaced persons who have sought refuge in your country. As I announced at the ASEAN Post Ministerial Conference in Kuala Lumpur last week, we will provide \$2.7 million in assistance to help alleviate this problem.

To Canadians, Thailand's skillful and sympathetic handling of these complex issues is characterized by pragmatism, flexibility and tolerance. For our part, Canada will remain supportive of Thailand's and the ASEAN