

Because of our particular historical evolutions, moreover, we both have established a well-developed network of relations outside the Western hemisphere.

Because of the many parallels in our development and our present situation we have managed to achieve an appreciable degree of co-operation in many areas. Our extensive geography and long coastlines have brought us to work together closely at the Law of the Sea Conferences. Our dual position as industrialized countries and as exporters of raw materials has permitted us to co-operate closely together at the United Nations and at the Conference on International Economic Co-operation in the continuing dialogue on a new economic order. Most important of all, there has been close and rewarding economic co-operation in the past 80 years. Today there is a greater concentration of Canadian investment in Brazil than anywhere else abroad apart from the United States. We are your fifth most-important suppliers of investment capital. Canadian investments in Brazil amount to \$1 billion, while Canadian banks have lent a further \$1 billion. Within the Western hemisphere, we are each one of the other's most important trading partners.

Although we have achieved appreciable results up to now, I consider that the potential for our relations remains far greater. We intend to develop that potential, for we attach a high priority to our relations with Brazil.

We are at present engaged in an effort to balance the rich and extensive relations we enjoy with the United States by intensifying and enlarging our economic and political contacts with the other major regions of the world. We recently have undertaken important steps with the European Economic Community and Japan -- steps that, I believe, will allow us better to reach our capacity for growth. Latin America and, in particular, Brazil, is for us, a third area with which we wish to co-operate in the pursuit of substantial and mutually-beneficial development.

Since we took the decision in 1970 to strengthen our links with the other countries of the Western hemisphere, we have appointed an ambassador as Permanent Observer to the Organization of American States, we have become members of the Inter-American Development Bank, we have finished joining all the significant specialized agencies of the OAS, we have provided financial assistance to the Andean Pact, we have offered to collaborate in the technical-development projects of SELA and we have established a number of bilateral co-operation programs throughout the area.
