

The Press: I have a supplementary to that. Implicit in the announcement that you are considering the creation of the International Development Centre, there is the suggestion that the OECD - the aid committee or whatever it is - have they already been consulted, because it will have to more than just the Canadians.

Mr. Sharp: Yes, we have discussed that -- I have not personally, but my officials have discussed this in various places in the world and this has been very well received. But we would look upon it as a Canadian contribution to external aid. We would take responsibility for promoting the idea.

The Press: Then it would under the aegis of something like OECD --

Mr. Sharp: I could be. We have not decided exactly under whose aegis it would be, but as I say this would be one of our contributions to international aid and development.

The Press: Have you made up your mind for the location of this?

Mr. Sharp: No, we have thought of various places but have made no decision.