

points of agreement at that meeting paralleled the findings of the Brandt Commission. Some of the key points emerging from the 1979 Commonwealth meeting strike a very familiar echo. For example:

- A recognition that the persistence of mass poverty further highlighted the urgent need for a more rational and equitable economic order.
- The efficient deployment of global resources, providing an equal opportunity for all countries to participate, would require acceptance by all of structural change and the adoption of policies to make such changes possible and to improve prospects for global economic growth, the restraint of inflation and the fuller employment of human and materiel resources.
- The necessity of improving public understanding of the need for change in the countries participating in the interdependent international system.
- The need for developed Commonwealth countries to recognize the importance of increased and stable flows of aid, finance and investment in developing countries.

We could continue much longer with the list. The point is, however, that the emerging awareness in the world for new economic policies and structures which can make more equitable sharing of the world's resources possible has been recognized for some time by the Commonwealth as an institution. Canada, for its part, will continue to use the Commonwealth - with the United Nations' organizations and other appropriate international fora - as an instrument to achieve these goals.

As some of you perhaps know, considerable disappointment has been expressed over the failure of the recent Special Session of the United Nations General Assembly on North-South issues to meet its objectives. I personally, am still hopeful that with ingenuity and genuine goodwill we can still find our way around the differences which prevail.

I have said that Canada will continue to utilize, with other nations hopefully, the United Nations' system. But we will also look to other instrumentalities to achieve consensus on useful approaches. For example, at that Special Session of the United Nations, I announced our government's intention to establish a Futures Secretariat