

Since preparations for this conference began, Canada has argued that we should produce a significant document that will have influence in the ongoing process of economic discussion. To do this we must agree to a frank, honest, practical and forward looking message. That message must honestly state where we agree as well as where we disagree. More important, however, it must reaffirm our commitment and determination to build on our common views. And, it must indicate clearly how we intend to work, in practical terms, to bridge our differences.

Mr. President,

Canada's experience has been that we have had a high degree of understanding and cooperation when we have worked with our developing country partners on a bilateral basis. Canada's experience is surely not unique. Let us all, in this multilateral forum, carry out our work in that same spirit.

Thank you.