

through a number of non-governmental organizations - some of whom are represented here tonight. In terms of per capita assistance, the Central American program is the second most important operated anywhere in the world by the Canadian International Development Agency.

We will have the opportunity next month on my visit to Nicaragua and to other Central American countries to pursue these issues on your soil. Maureen and I are looking forward to our visit and hope that more of the bridges on the road to peace will have been built by that time.

May I propose a toast to a more prosperous and more peaceful future for Nicaragua and for her Central American neighbours.

Salud.