

importance of dealing with the problems of the underdeveloped world. Moreover, at that time, none of us, whether we lived in rich countries or in poor countries, knew as much as we know today about the mysterious complexities of the problem of how to speed up the economic development of poor countries.

Canada would thus be making a most significant contribution to the war against world poverty if it strengthened its corps of experts on this problem in the public service and if this corps of experts were instructed to examine in turn each of the international agencies concerned with the economic development of poor countries and to draw up recommendations on what steps should be taken to make each of them more effective in promoting the economic development of poor countries -- by changes in their practices or management, by increasing their resources, if necessary by changes in their constitutions. The recommendations of the Canadian experts would constitute a basis for discussions with other countries. Gradually, a consensus might emerge.

It is, I have argued, in foreign aid that there is the most serious gap in the defences of civilization