

THE OECD'S DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE COMMITTEE PERFORMS A VITAL ROLE IN MAINTAINING THE VOLUME AND QUALITY OF OUR ASSISTANCE. IT ALSO OBLIGES US TO REFLECT MORE FULLY ON THE ROLE OF OUR AID PROGRAMS AND POLICIES IN PROMOTING DEVELOPMENT. SO WE WELCOME THE COMMITTEE'S WORK TO SITUATE OUR DEVELOPMENT COOPERATION EFFORT IN THE CONTEXT OF THE CHALLENGES THAT FACE US IN THE 1990S AND LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING THE RESULTS OF THIS WORK AT NEXT YEAR'S MEETING.

THE INITIAL RESULTS OF THE DAC ANALYSIS ARE CONSISTENT WITH CANADIAN POLICY, AS SET OUT IN OUR AID STRATEGY PUBLISHED LAST YEAR.

ONE OF THE PRINCIPAL CONCLUSIONS OF CANADA'S AID REVIEW IS THAT WE HAVE TO SUPPORT THE POLICIES AND PROGRAMS THAT DEVELOPING COUNTRIES THEMSELVES ARE UNDERTAKING.

LONG TERM DEVELOPMENT AND GROWTH IN THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES MUST BE BASED ON SOUND NATIONAL ECONOMIC POLICIES. SUCH POLICIES MUST IMPROVE EFFICIENCY IN THE ECONOMY, PROMOTE DOMESTIC SAVINGS AND ATTRACT THE FOREIGN INVESTMENT WHICH ARE SO IMPORTANT TO FINANCING DEVELOPMENT.

NOT ONLY MUST WE ENCOURAGE SUCH POLICIES, WE HAVE TO BE PREPARED TO PROVIDE THE SUPPORT NEEDED TO ASSIST COUNTRIES IN IMPLEMENTING THEM.