

Canada will continue its substantial support for the development of appropriate technology for developing countries through its aid programme and through the International Development Research Centre. At the same time, we are exploring the creation of links between research institutions in Canada and in developing countries and of the possibilities for Canadian assistance. We also support further work on a voluntary, universally applicable Code of Conduct setting out guidelines for the transfer of technology on a supplier-recipient basis and the continuance of international discussion on restrictive business practices which adversely affect trade, particularly with the developing world.

Canada has heeded the call of the developing countries for a more equitable system of international economic relations. At the same time, we are, of course, continuing to assist the developing countries through the operations of the Canadian International Development Agency.

The CIDA estimates for 1976-77 amount to almost \$737 million, about \$25 million more than last year. Combined with a carry-forward of uncommitted funds from earlier years, this will produce for CIDA a cash-flow ceiling, approved and adjusted by Treasury Board, of slightly over one billion dollars. Compared to the equivalent figures for 1975-76 -- disbursements of some \$903 million, trimmed back from the \$933 million I indicated to you last April -- this will mean that Canada's ODA expenditures will continue to grow at a rate of more than 10 per cent.

When all the figures are in for the fiscal year just ended, Canada's ODA will likely stand at about .58 per cent of GNP, the highest level yet reached and a great improvement over the late 1960's, when we were providing about one-third of one per cent of GNP and ranked 10th or 11th among the 16 donors listed by the Development Assistance Committee. Canadians can feel some satisfaction that we have moved this close to the quantitative goal, while maintaining the highly concessional quality of Canadian aid. The estimates for 1976-77 at least show that there will again be a significant increase in aid disbursements.