

framework and the principles must be formulated first. Let us then confine ourselves to formulating these principles so that intelligent and constructive action can be taken by governments at all levels when financing of projects comes up.

The question as to the participation of non-governmental agencies is also important. I am confident that many of them can make a direct contribution. Many of them too can carry out the work of education and information in a way that governments cannot do. They can make our people conscious of the need for wise management and sound planning if our "renewable resources" are in truth to be renewed for the full benefit of this country in years to come.

I do not intend to go into more detail about plans or suggestions for the Conference. These can emerge in the course of our discussion of the various items on the agenda. I would simply conclude by saying that the more I have examined this matter the more I am convinced that there is a great national advantage to be served by a well-prepared and carefully thought out Conference to lead to a better understanding of the problems of our renewable resources. It is our task today to ensure that the Canada of the future has available to it, throughout the whole renewable field, the "Resources of Tomorrow" that it is going to need if the greatness and wealth of our nation is to be maintained.

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