

*S. O. 31***INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT RESEARCH CENTRE**

Hon. John Bosley (Don Valley West): Madam Speaker, the International Development Research Centre, better known as the IDRC, is well known to all of us.

It has recently published a new document entitled, *The Global Research Agenda: A South-North Perspective*. It is the first in a series of opinion documents produced on global issues of international development of concern to all Canadians.

This particular document points out the direction of scientific effort needed to solve world problems such as the precarious state of the environment, population growth, the debt crisis, the drug menace, all of which threaten peace and security.

Through support for research, IDRC assists developing countries in creating their own long-term solutions to pressing development problems.

On the occasion of its twentieth anniversary, IDRC has published this book to share some of the knowledge it has gained over the years of forging international research and scientific links.

The president has kindly made sure that there are enough copies for all members of the House. I strongly encourage that each member read this timely document.

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NATIONAL AIDS STRATEGY

Mr. Dave Dingwall (Cape Breton—East Richmond): Madam Speaker, on April 7, 1989, the Minister of National Health and Welfare stated: "AIDS is a problem that respects no national borders."

The spread of this disease is not waiting for a national AIDS strategy, but its victims have been waiting for a long, long time.

Back in November, 1989, *The Toronto Star* reported that one in every 394 women who gave birth in Montreal early this year was carrying the virus that causes AIDS.

According to the latest update from the Federal Centre for AIDS, Canada has 51 cases of children less than 15 years of age who have AIDS.

Over 2,000 individuals have fallen prey to this lethal disease. How many more must fall victim to a government that lacks the political will to move effectively and urgently?

The delaying of a national AIDS strategy and the lack of a commitment by the Government of Canada is causing us to lose valuable time.

While we lose time, Canadian families are losing loved ones. Recently in Atlantic Canada, individuals from the four Atlantic provinces came together in a conference called the Atlantic Network on AIDS. There was a consensus reached at that particular conference that the Government of Canada must show some real leadership in fighting this lethal disease.

I urge the minister and the Prime Minister to take their responsibilities seriously and move forward with a national AIDS strategy immediately.

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AGRICULTURE

Mr. Geoff Wilson (Swift Current—Maple Creek—Assiniboia): Madam Speaker, I rise to applaud the measures announced Friday by the Minister of Agriculture to assist the incomes of Canadian farmers this year.

In order to especially address the serious cash flow problems in the grains and oilseeds sector, the federal government has committed \$500 million which, when matched by the provinces, will address the projected shortfall in farm income this year.

Agriculture is a shared federal-provincial jurisdiction. The federal government will work with the provinces to design the best approach in each province, consistent with the four pillars of the *Growing Together* strategy. The assistance must be delivered in ways that are production neutral, environmentally sustainable and lead into the transition toward a long-term comprehensive farm safety net.

These measures are further tangible proof of this government's ongoing commitment to stand behind Canadian producers.