

The Government intends to allow real growth both in bilateral and multilateral assistance. In order to facilitate planning, the Government does believe that a range of 30 to 35% for multilateral assistance is necessary so as to permit other programs to grow as well, such as NGO assistance and Industrial Cooperation.

7) That an increased share of ODA support activities of NGOs. CIDA Bilateral Programs Branch should assign some of the funds it expects to spend in agriculture, health and rural development to small projects which would be operated on its behalf by Canadian NGOs.

The Government concurs with this recommendation and it intends to seek real growth to programs involving the non-governmental sector, including the use of institutions in this sector for implementing Bilateral projects.

8) That the Government increase the funding of IDRC

The Government intends to continue to support IDRC and give priority to increasing IDRC's funding.

9) That a larger portion of ODA funds be allotted for meeting emergencies.

The Government concurs with this recommendation which was reflected in recent decisions to double funds for humanitarian and emergency assistance in 1981-82.

10) That unspent aid allocations be carried forward from one fiscal year to the next.

While the lapsing of funds does not represent a major difficulty in managing the Canadian aid program and provides greater discipline in Government accounting practices, the Government would wish to study the feasibility of relaxing the lapsing provision within the context of the envelope system.