

North/South Relations

The world economy can only grow on a sustained and equitable basis if developing countries share in that growth. Progress has been made. The industrial countries have maintained an open market system despite a deep recession. They have increased aid flows, especially to poorer nations. Some \$8 billion will be available from the IDA for these nations over the next three years, as we join others in fulfilling pledges to its fifth replenishment. The IMF has made available to developing countries, under its compensatory financing facility nearly an additional \$2 billion last year. An international fund for agricultural development has been created, based on common efforts by the developed OPEC, and other developing nations.

The progress and the spirit of co-operation that have emerged can serve as an excellent base for further steps. The next step will be the successful conclusion of the Conference on International Economic Co-operation and we agreed to do all in our power to achieve this.

We shall work:

1. To increase the flow of aid and other real resources from the industrial to developing countries, particularly to the 800 million people who now live in absolute poverty; and to improve the effectiveness of aid;
2. To facilitate developing countries access to sources of international finance;
3. To support such multilateral lending institutions as the World Bank, whose lending capacity we believe will have to be increased in the years ahead to permit its lending to increase in real terms and widen in scope;
4. To promote the secure investment needed to foster world economic development;
5. To secure productive results from negotiations about the stabilization of commodity prices and the creation of a common fund for individual buffer stock agreements and to consider problems of the stabilization of export earnings of developing countries; and