

In those few areas where the Government has not been able to accept the Committee's advice, other ways of dealing with the issue have usually been identified. Where the Government has concurred and action is needed, it will be prompt. Indeed, work is already under way in many areas.

As the Committee's report noted, "Canada's aid program has earned a high reputation internationally." In adopting most of its recommendations, the Government is confident that Canada's reputation will not only be maintained but enhanced. The Committee's members deserve our thanks for a most thorough and conscientious report. The policies and programs outlined in this response, together with the new Strategy, will provide a solid foundation for the renewal and reform of our development cooperation.

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