

of developing countries. They also expressed their deep concern with the increasing resort to trade protectionism. They stressed their governments' intention to proceed with efforts aimed at continuing adaptation of the international economic structures that will facilitate the resumption of economic expansion in the world economy and international co-operation for development.

In that regard the two Ministers expressed their regret that at the recent 11th Special Session of the United Nations General Assembly it was not possible to reach agreement on the procedures for the global negotiations. They expressed their hope that in the near future these negotiations can take place successfully within the United Nations system, covering raw materials, energy, trade, development, money and finance, in order to take effective steps towards an improved system of international economic relations between developed and developing countries. In this regard they exchanged views on various ways to move forward in the North-South dialogue. There was agreement to maintain contact on initiatives to this end.

On analyzing the international energy situation the two Ministers agreed on the importance of an orderly transition from an economic structure based mainly on the use of hydrocarbons to a new era, in which the use of new and renewable sources of energy will progressively increase.

The Ministers exchanged views on matters of energy, in particular the role that renewable sources of energy can play in providing liquid fuel. Both countries have very large forest reserves which could be used for the production of energy. The Ministers agreed that collaboration in the development of the technologies for the exploitation of new and renewable energy sources would be of mutual benefit, and supported the exchange of technical delegations as a first step in strengthening contacts between Brazil and Canada in this area.

The two Ministers referred to ongoing negotiations on a bilateral agreement to avoid double taxation and agreed that those negotiations should be concluded as soon as possible.

The two Ministers agreed on the importance of achieving a consensus at the Law of the Sea Conference and expressed the hope that the final text of the convention will insure the rights of coastal states and a fair and equitable protection of the legitimate interests of all states including land-based mineral producers in the regime of the seabed beyond national jurisdiction which is the common heritage of mankind. The ministers agreed that the two delegations should consult further on questions of common interest regarding the current Law of the Sea Negotiating text.