

of recent years toward broader energy cooperation. They affirmed their determination to see this relationship continue and agreed that their respective national oil companies could play an important role in expanded energy cooperation.

9. During a meeting between Dr. Zambrano and the Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources, the Honourable Marc Lalonde, existing and future energy cooperation was discussed. They agreed that the oil supply relationship should remain a central element of bilateral energy cooperation. They noted with satisfaction the existing cooperation between Petro-Canada and Petroleos de Venezuela and agreed that there should be active efforts to strengthen this mutually beneficial cooperation. Mr. Lalonde explained the role of Petro-Canada International and Dr. Zambrano outlined the Venezuelan-Mexican program of energy cooperation for Central American and Caribbean countries.

10. Mr. Lalonde and Dr. Zambrano agreed that there were possibilities for eventual cooperation between Canada and Venezuela in the area of energy assistance to developing countries, especially in the hemisphere, and that these possibilities should be further explored. Mr. Lalonde expressed the wish that there would be an early opportunity to meet the Minister of Energy and Mines of Venezuela.

International Matters

11. The two Foreign Ministers expressed their concern at the increase in global tensions resulting from recent international developments. They pointed out the need to intensify efforts both bilaterally and multilaterally to maintain and ensure world peace.

12. The two Ministers reviewed extensively the current situation in Central America and the Caribbean. They expressed their concern over developments in the region. With regard to El Salvador, they expressed the hope that that nation could achieve peace, democracy and social justice. They also agreed that there should be no foreign intervention.

13. Dr. MacGuigan welcomed Dr. Zambrano's indication that Venezuela was embarking on a far-reaching program of technical assistance to the Caribbean region and informed him of the means by which Canada is seeking to strengthen further its traditionally close relations with the states of the Commonwealth Caribbean. Dr. MacGuigan also congratulated Dr. Zambrano on the establishment of the Venezuela-Mexico oil facility which will do much to alleviate the economic situation in the Caribbean and Central America.

14. The Ministers agreed that Canada and Venezuela should cooperate more closely in the development assistance sphere and, in particular, that there should be more extensive bilateral consultation