

a good deal of esteem for Canada and its people. Canada is liked everywhere, because all these countries realize that Canadians are inclined not by tradition, by history or by temperament to seek their own zone of influence, but their sole interest is to give concrete expression to their feeling of solidarity and brotherhood toward the rest of humanity. Canadian aid, which presently totals around \$150 million per year in Francophone Africa alone, is appreciated because it is given without ulterior motives or constraints and because it meets the important needs expressed by the governments with which we wish to maintain close relations. On account of this, and because it is administered by highly competent Canadian representatives and experts, Canadian aid is seen to be very effective in all these countries. I also noticed that our relations with them were marked by an attitude of honesty and warm friendship. Wherever I went, the conversations were open and constructive. Canada's opinions, as well as its support, are sought after and valued everywhere.

Finally, a word about our trade in Africa. The figures for our exports to Africa are as follows: in 1980, \$660 million went to Arab Africa, almost \$400 million of which was received by Algeria, by far our biggest partner; to Black Africa, \$350 million; to Southern Africa, \$200 million. The rate of expansion is illustrated by our exports to francophone Africa: in 1960, they amounted to less than \$10 million; in 1970, they were almost \$40 million; in 1980, \$627 million. Add to these figures the exports of services, which are not added up, but which represent some hundreds of millions of dollars, plus the global value of Canadian investments in Africa, which also amount to several hundred million dollars.

Between Canada and the francophone countries, there is some rich common ground that lends itself to mutual endeavours, both bilaterally and multilaterally. In this world divided between the rich and the poor, between the industrialized countries and the developing countries, between the North and the South, the East and the West, we are in a good position to contribute toward bringing the opposites together, and toward establishing with these countries ways of creating harmony and encouraging development. The visits made by Prime Minister Trudeau have shown this. My travels have convinced me of it. We have everything to gain by drawing closer to countries that, like us, use the French language. In conclusion, I would like to mention the efforts of the many Canadians - missionaries, development workers, and businessmen - who are working and investing throughout the francophone countries. Be they from Quebec, the West, New Brunswick or elsewhere, all these Canadians are contributing in an appreciable way toward helping the Canadian government's cooperation effort.