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(A summary of activities under Canada's development assistance programs, issued by the Canadian International Development Agency)

The Canadian International Development Agency is responsible for the administration of Canada's official program of development assistance. Known until mid-1968 as the External Aid Office, CIDA reports to Parliament through the Secretary of State for External Affairs.

To help advance the cause of international development, the Canadian Government makes grants and loans for the provision of capital assistance, commodity aid and technical assistance to developing countries in South and Southeast Asia, Commonwealth and French-speaking Africa, the Commonwealth Caribbean and Latin America.

Canada's allocations for international development increased fivefold, from \$65.4 million in 1963-64 to \$341 million in 1969-70, excluding loans made by the Export Development Corporation to help developing countries purchase equipment from Canadian companies. A further increase to \$365 million has been made in allocations for 1970-71.

Actual disbursements of funds, as distinguished from authorized allocations, rose sharply in 1969-70 as CIDA's recent reorganization became fully effective, and reached \$308 million.

During 1969, CIDA undertook a comprehensive review of Canada's policies in international development assistance as part of a general review of Canadian foreign policy. Based on the findings of this review, the Government of Canada confirmed its commitment to the support of international development by stating that it "intends to increase the amount of funds allocated to international development assistance over the coming years to move towards the internationally accepted targets; to confirm as the primary objective of the program the economic and social development of the developing countries; to maintain the concessional financial terms of Canadian development

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