Canada continues to be concerned about respect for human rights in Guatemala. The Canadian Government shares the views of many observers, including some Guatemalan human rights groups, that human rights violations have decreased significantly since President Cerezo assumed office.

The announcement to resume a bilateral aid program with Guatemala comes on the eve of Mr. Clark's visit to Central America. He will visit Guatemala, El Salvador, Honduras, Nicaragua and Costa Rica from November 21 to 28, 1987.