

both occasions opportunities for consultation and that they were in broad agreement on many of the basic elements of a reformed monetary system as a whole. The Ministers agreed that it would be desirable in the context of the reform to promote the transfer of real resources from the developed to the developing countries on adequate terms. They further stated that they and their officials should continue to co-operate and keep in close consultation.

Ministers noted with satisfaction that the multilateral trade negotiations were formally under way under GATT auspices in accordance with the declaration issued at the Tokyo Ministerial Meeting held in September 1973. The Canadian and Mexican Ministers agreed on the importance to all trading countries of the successful conclusion of these negotiations.

They agreed that it was essential to this end that all countries share in the benefits of these negotiations and participate fully in their organization and conduct. It was particularly important that developing countries be full partners in the negotiations. They further noted that both Canada and Mexico see the negotiations as a meaningful process for the liberalization and expansion of world trade and the increased participation of Canada and Mexico in this trade. They regard the negotiations as a further means of diversifying their trade. They also expressed their expectation that one of the results of the negotiations would be to reduce impediments imposed by resource importing countries on greater processing of industrial materials prior to export from resource producing countries. They noted with satisfaction that the Canadian and Mexican delegations to the negotiations had established a pattern of co-operation and consultation on areas of mutual interest, and expressed their intentions that these consultations should continue as the negotiations progressed.

Canadian and Mexican Ministers discussed the implementation of Canada's general preference scheme. In this regard, Canadian Ministers informed their Mexican counterparts that Parliament had passed legislation providing for a scheme of tariff preference for developing countries. They further indicated that the modalities of implementing this scheme were now under active study. The Mexican Ministers expressed their interest in being kept informed.

In the course of their review of internal economic developments, they noted that inflation continued to be a problem of significant dimensions and they agreed on the desirability of working toward internal efforts to moderate the rate of inflation.