

Our support for non-governmental organizations is increasing, for we consider that the money provided by the Canadian Government is more than matched by the resources and enthusiasm of these organizations. One such organization is CUSO, which has won a well-deserved reputation abroad for providing competent and responsive volunteers. Their volunteers, when they return to Canada, bring a deeper understanding of the problems of development.

Perhaps the most important single event which focussed the attention of the international community on development questions was the Third United Nations Conference on Trade and Development in Santiago last Spring. Development needs are great and expectations about the amount of progress which can be made at such conferences were probably unrealistically high. For these reasons, there was obviously disappointment both in Canada and abroad over the results of UNCTAD III. We felt, however, that UNCTAD III revealed a new maturity in the international approach to development problems and a better appreciation that there are no easy solutions to most of them. One of the most important results of the Conference was agreement that the developing countries voice should be strengthened on questions regarding trade liberalization and monetary reform since it was realized these were integral parts of the development process. Another important result of the Conference was the action programme set out for the least developed of the developing countries. Since the Conference there has been movement in the international community indicating that these results may have real and long-term positive impact on the developing countries. Canada is attempting, not only through its development