

In addition, the Canadian International Development Agency, CIDA, has just completed its first five-year program of development cooperation and assistance. I understand CIDA is now embarking upon a new \$23 million program with particular emphasis on technical cooperation in telecommunications, agriculture and the sciences.

As I mentioned earlier, the new President of Brazil heads a government faced with serious challenges as well as unique opportunities. Since Canada faces many of the same challenges and opportunities, there is certainly scope for our two nations to work together.

The major challenge is to reduce the high levels of unemployment and under-employment that exist in both countries. One of the ways that this can be done is through the development of new products and technological capabilities to increase our competitiveness in the international market place.

Of course, that raises another challenge, that of the education and training of our youth and, to some extent, the retraining of a large part of the work force so that we can improve productivity and adapt to changing technological requirements.

We cannot meet those needs within the context of rapidly spiralling public debts which draw scarce resources into interest payments rather than productive, job-producing investments. That is why one of the most important priorities of my government is the reduction of our annual deficit.

Certainly, in improving Canada-Brazil bilateral trade relationships, we can help each other create new jobs. But, there are also areas in which we can assist each other's efforts to win contracts in other countries...especially where we have complementary skills and resources to offer countries, in Africa or the Middle East for example.

We can help each other transfer technology through an increased level of exchange among our doctors, scientists, technicians and students under the technical cooperation program.

And, of course, in working more closely together, we should be able to use our different points of view and different approaches to problem-solving to create new technologies that we can market to the