

A conscious effort is required to encourage Japan to play a more positive political role in the world commensurate with its economic strength. At the same time we have been attempting to "politicize" a bilateral relationship which has, in the past, been too narrowly commercial by increasing and deepening consultations in a wide variety of fields. Canadian ministers have accepted a Japanese invitation to attend the 7th Canada-Japan Ministerial meeting this September in Tokyo.

Canada's role in Viet-Nam will not be discussed in this statement. Members have heard me at length on this subject both in Parliament and in this Committee, but I would be pleased to answer questions.

Latin America is probably closer to economic take-off than any comparable region of the third world. As this evolution gathers momentum, Canadian interests are increasingly engaged. This last year Canada's first Ambassador and Permanent Observer to the OAS was accredited to that organization and full Canadian membership established with the Inter-American Development Bank and the Inter-American Institute of Agricultural Sciences. Members who heard the President of Mexico address the joint session of Parliament last month will know that useful progress has been made in the strengthening of our relations with Mexico.

Senior officials of the Commonwealth met in Ottawa in October to discuss and prepare two subjects for consideration at the