

levelling off at the very time when the need for it is quickening. This requires resolute action by all of us collectively and individually.

Speaking for Canada I can say that our recognition of this need is indicated by our response. Last year we more than doubled our bilateral aid programme. This year we are increasing it again. I can state today that provided a satisfactory charter can be worked out and subject to parliamentary approval we will join the Asian Development Bank and make a contribution of up to 25 million dollars to its subscription capital. Elsewhere, we are prepared to embark on the second stage of our special arrangements with the Inter-American Development Bank whereby earlier this year we made available for lending in Latin America the sum of 25 million dollars. I am glad now to announce that an additional 10 million dollars will be put at the disposal of the Bank for lending at terms which may extend up to fifty years at no interest charge.

In addition to the official Government contributions it is significant to note that the people of Canada are becoming increasingly involved in a more personal way in helping developing countries. With Government support more and more funds are being mobilized and a growing number of trained and talented young Canadians is working in a variety of ways in overseas countries where help is needed.

Finally I want to affirm our strong support for the