

B. Canada and Commonwealth Functional Co-operation:

Sentiment and nostalgia for the past do not dominate the Commonwealth association. It is action-oriented, interested in providing tangible results for members and practical programs of concrete value. Since the initiation of the Colombo Plan in 1950, the Commonwealth has progressively expanded its concern for the economic and social development of its poorer members and its activity in their interest.

Commonwealth programs of practical assistance have helped a number of countries in Africa, the Caribbean and the South Pacific on their path towards independence. The Commonwealth sees development assistance not as a one-way street that sets the donor against the recipient, but as a continuing partnership in which all members contribute as they can to the improvement of their respective societies.

