
Since I reported to you last year, co-operation has moved ahead. Canada is now co-operating in some 15 projects for which our financial contribution is about \$54 million this year. In this conference we are working on five new projects which will require our support to the tune of \$78 million. Today I intend to sign a memorandum of understanding for three interesting projects. One has to do with electrical power, providing a link between Botswana, Zambia and Zimbabwe so that there may be a new source of energy for the northern part of Botswana. I also look forward to another memorandum that involves the expansion of Zambia's regional telecommunication centre which, together, with some additional expansions in five nations of this area, will make it possible for those countries — Zambia, Angola, Botswana, Lesotho, Mozambique and Swaziland — to communicate among themselves and to points outside of the African continent without having to go through an intermediary in South Africa as is now necessary. I hope to sign another memorandum that will lay the foundation for a program of industrial energy conservation in which Angola will take the leading part and in which all other SADCC countries will also participate and benefit. All in all, Canada is budgetting for at least a \$120 million contribution to the work of SADCC over the next five years.

We are happy to do this. Brian Mulroney, the Prime Minister of Canada, sent me here to tell SADCC that it has a friend in Canada and everybody needs friends, especially when troubles threaten. You can see friendly Canadian faces working in southern Africa with you. You know you have our tangible financial support in SADCC and you can count upon our friendship in the Commonwealth and in the great world at large. My message to you is that friends may rely on each other and now is the time for friends of SADCC to get to work.

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