

“Trade Relations”) for the establishment of a joint Canada-Caribbean marketing agency, might perhaps best be implemented through a separate corporation of this kind.

Conclusions and Recommendations (V)

1. The Senate Committee notes that the Commonwealth Caribbean is currently the area of highest per capita allocation of Canadian development assistance funds—an important recognition of the region’s “special status” in Canadian external policy.

Caribbean
Priority

The Canadian Government should continue the present intensive concentration of C.I.D.A. funds in the Commonwealth Caribbean. There is also great scope for new forms of assistance appropriate to the present needs of the region.

2. All Canadian assistance policies should be based on a recognition of the predominance of self-generated resources in development efforts. Canada’s supporting role can be made much more effective by co-ordination and harmonization of Government policies in several departments which can vitally affect development prospects.

Self-help
and Co-
ordination

3. The present C.I.D.A. policy of special concentration in the smaller islands of the Eastern Caribbean is well-founded. The five year planning principle in this programme is also a step in the right direction, but the Committee is concerned about too great a reliance on the development of tourism. The programme should remain flexible, and C.I.D.A. should respond favourably to requests for increased assistance to the agricultural sector.

Programme
in Eastern
Caribbean

4. The Committee recommends continuing support of projects and programmes leading to regional co-operation and integration. The present assistance to the University of the West Indies and the Regional Development Bank is highly effective for this purpose. All co-operative projects must proceed, however, at the pace agreed upon by the governments of the area and no regional institution should become too dependent on outside support.

Encourage-
ment of
Caribbean
Co-operation

5. The Senate Committee recommends the following changes in Canadian assistance policies to increase the effectiveness of the aid and improve the climate of Canada-Caribbean relations:

General
Assistance
Policies

(a) “Programme” assistance—Direct financial support of the development programmes of the Caribbean countries in order to eliminate a number of inefficiencies and frustrations, and as an important and effective demonstration of confidence and partnership by Canada.