

There are unquestionably issues where the demands of the Third World would conflict with the economic interests of developing countries; but there again we feel that a hard line would in the short run be counter-productive. Resolutions, after all, even when carried by a substantial majority, could only be implemented with the active cooperation of the minority; further transfers of technology, on terms which recognize the needs of potential users but which also satisfy the rights of those who had developed the technology; access to markets would hardly be improved if industrialized countries were driven to short-term protectionist measures in order to protect employment in the more vulnerable sectors of their economy.

For our part, mindful of the legitimate interests of Canadians and the equally legitimate claims of developing peoples, we seek to maintain an open mind on these complex questions, to explore all avenues for change and to define flexible positions in anticipation of the concrete and substantial negotiations we hope for. Accordingly, the Canadian Government has established an inter-departmental committee to review the full range of its economic relations with the Third World; and I assured my hosts that their views would be seriously taken into account in the work of this committee.