

In the realm of cooperation between the two countries, Canada expressed its desire to strengthen development aid to Burundi. The Canadian authorities outlined the main directions the \$3 million cooperation programme would take. Much of the available funds would be used for technical assistance, including fellowships awarded in various fields. It was decided that the transfer mechanisms would be set up after consultations between the various Canadian participants and the Burundian authorities.

The other part of the funds will be used to finance projects concerned with institutional and industrial cooperation, non-governmental organizations and mission-administered funds.

As for oil exploration, Petro-Canada International pledged to closely examine the reports from certain sources indicating the possibility of oil in the subsoil of Burundi, and to take further action where warranted.

In regard to international issues, the Canadian and Burundian parties discussed the situations in eastern Africa, the western Sahara and southern Africa. The Burundian Minister repeatedly expressed his appreciation for Canada's continued efforts to settle the Namibian problem. He was reassured that it was Canada's wish for Namibia to obtain its independence as soon as possible through the provisions associated with Security Council Resolution 435.

On behalf of his delegation, Mr. Nzambimana thanked the Honourable Pierre De Bané and the various Canadian personalities whom he had met for the warm and friendly reception extended to him.