

The Conference Secretariat has prepared proposals for action to establish national population policies, to promote international cooperation in the management of shared resources such as the fisheries, and to encourage developing countries to integrate a concern for the environment into their plans for development.

Canada supports these proposals and accepts its responsibility not only to manage its resources for the maximum of benefit to mankind but also to assist others to do likewise. More specifically, it will continue its preparations to participate in a Conference on World Population Problems in 1974. We will indicate its willingness to make a substantial contribution to an international voluntary fund for the environment. And we will increase development assistance to help developing countries control their population growth and develop their renewable and nonrenewable resources according to sound ecological principles.

Throughout my remarks I have been stressing the fact that man, if he is to survive, must put greater stress on the biological side of things. I have talked about the need for nations to take responsibility for the effect of their activities on the environment of other nations and on the common environment of oceans and atmosphere. Like it or not, we are our brother's keeper. We are travelling together on a common planet with no rational alternative but to work together to make the world an environment in which we and our neighbours and our children can live full and peaceful lives.

It will not be simply done. It will not be accomplished by expressions of high hope or of good intent. In the international arena, much hard and painstaking work and many difficult decisions lie ahead for us.

But it is a job which must be done.