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he added: +we have lots of canadians come down to cuba every winter as tourists, we are involved in some projects in cuba, and i find it quite normal, being a nation that respects pluralism, to maintain relations with cuba.+

mp stanley hudescki, liberal from hamilton west said: + we are not trying to anticipate the impression our fact-finding will make on the american attitude because we have to make up our own mind.+ he added that +canada should try to improve trade between the two countries in every way.+

cuba's deputy minister of foreign affairs ricardo alarcon, who welcomed the parliamentary delegation at the airport, told reuters that +the trend is for a further strengthening of canadian-cuban relations.+ alarcon added: + we also believe that canadian policy is a significant, positive factor in the caribbean and central american region and we hope it will continue to be so.+

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while there is a consensus about the need to strengthen trade relations with cuba among the canadian parliamentarians, some believe that cuba should not be eligible for aid from canada because, in the words of maurice dupres, "it has reached a degree of industrialisation that would make it be considered a developed country."

he said that is the reason why the canadian international development agency (cida) has stopped funding projects in cuba.

flora macdonald said: "i would not accept that aid should be going to cuba, just as one of the other countries, since it is different, and i think we have other places to spend our money."

she said that "haiti, which is among the poorest of the poor nations of the world, and nicaragua, which needs so much help in its reconstruction, should have priority in canadian aid."

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however, joseph agle, another delegation member from the  
ndr, declared that "questions of foreign aid should be restudied."

ricardo alarcon, responding to the contention that cuba is  
already a developed nation, said: "we wish it were true, but  
unfortunately we are still a developing country. of course," he  
said, "our level might be higher than other developing nations,  
but we are still poor."

he explained that cuba is the recipient nation in several  
united nations programmes for developing nations.  
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