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1. Italian Senator (Independent Left) Lelio Basso stated on 17 October 1974 that the second session of the Russell Tribunal on Latin America will be held in Brussels on 11-18 January 1975. The theme of the session will be the role played by multinational companies, and the political/economic powers behind them, in the exploitation of Latin American raw materials and manpower in alliance with local power groups. Basso said that he does not expect the session to be as brilliant as the first session in Rome but that he does think it will pay sufficient dividends in the sense of affirming the Tribunal's goal of establishing itself as a new venue for international jurisprudence. His immediate concern, he added, is finding the necessary funds to cover the session's expenses.

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2. Basso said that a third and final session on Latin America will convene in Canada, possibly either in Montreal or Toronto, perhaps with the session opening in Montreal and concluding in Toronto. Quebec, however, is also a possibility. Basso said that he would prefer French-speaking Montreal but that his Canadian correspondents have indicated a preference for Toronto for the entire session because of its proximity to the U.S. and the greater possibility of media coverage. Planning for the Canadian session is currently on the basis of a June 1975 date, he said, although he thinks that will allow too little time between sessions for proper planning. In commenting on the problem of raising funds for the Canadian session, Basso noted that he had been promised complete funding

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