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3) the Second Amazon Development Plan (1975-1979), and 4) the Third Amazon Development Plan (1980-1985). Of these plans, POLAMAZONIA (Program for Agro-livestock and Agro-mineral Poles of Amazonia), a Federal Special Program in operation since 1974 for the development of designated poles for agro-livestock, minerals and forestry resources, is closely related to the Greater Carajas Program. Under POLAMAZONIA, fifteen areas were selected as priority development areas to incorporate a comprehensive development of Amazonia, and a number of studies have already been conducted in addition to the construction of socio-economic infrastructure in the development poles. Of the fifteen development poles, "Polo Carajas", "Polo Altamira", "Polo Pre-Amazonia Maranhense" and "Polo Araguaia-Tocantins" are closely related to the PGC Area. In addition, another SUDAM federal special program related to the development of the PGC Area is PRONORPAR (Program for Socio-economic Redevelopment of Northeast Para) which has been carried out since 1976 for the purpose of socio-economic redevelopment of the 91,350 km² of northeastern area of Para.

These federal special programs are financed by PIN (National Integration Program), PROTERRA (North and Northeast Region Land Distribution and Agroindustry Promotion Program) and FND (National Development Fund). Funds have been allocated to almost all the program areas: in the agricultural industry (for agro-livestock surveys, infrastructure for storage, distribution and supply of commodities, titling and distribution of agricultural lands and colonization projects); for the economic infrastructure (construction and improvement of roads, airports, port and mine facilities), for urban development (construction of water supply and sewerage systems and power plants in Maraba, Tucuruí and other principal cities); and for the social infrastructure (education, public health and labor). Expenditure by SUDAM in the PGC Area under these federal special programs amounts to Cr\$6 billion for Polo Carajas, Cr\$3.5 billion for Polo Altamira and Cr\$7.1 billion for Polo Pre-Amazonia Maranhense during the period 1975-1984 under POLAMAZONIA (aggregate amounts of the expenditure for each year at current price), and Cr\$7.5 billion (in 1983 constant price) from 1979 to 1983 under PRONORPAR. However, reflecting the severe economic conditions in Brazil, the financial resources of SUDAM itself and for POLAMAZONIA and PRONORPAR have been decreasing substantially since 1980.

Let us look at the spatial overlappings between the sub-regions of PGC Area and the areas under POLAMAZONIA. In terms of agriculture, Polo Carajas and Polo Altamira coincide with the PGC's sub-regions of Maraba and Xingu and Polo Pre-Amazonia Maranhense coincides with the Bacabal sub-region in the PGC Area. The PRONORPAR area coincides with the Castanhal sub-region in the PGC Area. POLAMAZONIA will play an important role not only in the surveys of mineral resources now under way in Polo Carajas and Polo Altamira, but also in the development of the industrial districts of Maraba, Tucuruí and Barcarena and in the improvement of related infrastructure required for the development of the metallurgical industry as well as for urban development.