Over the years Canadian spokesmen have repeatedly stressed the desirability of using United Nations machinery for providing or supervising technical assistance to the less-developed areas. Canada is gratified that ETAP, by contributing to the sum of technical knowledge and the dissemination of that knowledge, is bringing about some improvement in the standard of living of people who can benefit from such assistance and will thus be in a position to increase their own contribution to the international community. ETAP also helps to promote mutual understanding and goodwill among all the 71 countries which actively take part in this worldwide programme of service.

To sum up, in 1956 Canada paid \$3,000,000 in membership fees or assessments to the United Nations and to the United Nations Specialized Agencies. Last year Canada also gave voluntarily to the four special United Nations programmes an additional sum of more than \$3 million. Thus Canada's total contributions for United Nations work in 1956 amounted to more than \$6 million.

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