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United Nations Day

The Acting Prime Minister, Mr. Howe, today issued the following statement in connection with the observance of United Nations Day, October 24:

"On Sunday, October 24, the Members of the United Nations will commemorate the third anniversary of the coming into effect of the United Nations Charter. Arrangements for the observance of the day have been made by the United Nations Association in Canada, and these observances will take place on Sunday, October 24 and Monday, October 25. In their efforts to bring the work of the United Nations and the principles of this international organization to the attention of the public of Canada, the Association merits whole-hearted public support.

"United Nations Day is an occasion on which we might appropriately recall the ideals and purposes to which the United Nations is dedicated. The Members of the United Nations, which now number fifty-eight, have pledged themselves to conduct their international relations under the high principles of the Charter. They also pledged themselves to cooperate in collective measures to maintain international peace and security and to promote the welfare of all peoples.

"On this day it is also appropriate to recall that the United Nations came into existence amid the turmoil of the most destructive of wars, and that it has had to operate under the handicap of disagreements between Great Powers which has hampered the development of a system of international security and the constructive efforts of cooperation which this organization was intended to pursue. Nonetheless, the United Nations, through the opportunities which it still offers of international cooperation for peace and welfare, remains the centre of man's hopes and efforts for peace and justice."