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THE DEPARTMENT OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS ANNOUNCED TODAY THAT THE SECOND \$500,000 OF THE \$1,000,000 VOTED FOR HUNGARIAN RELIEF BY THE CANADIAN PARLIAMENT IN ITS SPECIAL SESSION IN NOVEMBER WILL BE DISTRIBUTED THROUGH THE FACILITIES OF THE CANADIAN RED CROSS SOCIETY AND THE UNITED NATIONS HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR REFUGEES.

THE CANADIAN RED CROSS WILL RECEIVE \$100,000 FOR USE IN ITS INTERNATIONAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAMME FOR HUNGARIAN RELIEF WHICH, AMONG OTHER THINGS, COVERS THE PROVISION OF AID TO REFUGEES IN VARIOUS CAMPS THROUGHOUT EUROPE INCLUDING THOSE IN THE NETHERLANDS WHERE IMMIGRANTS TO CANADA ARE NOW LOCATED.

THE HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR REFUGEES, WHO HAS BEEN DESIGNATED BY THE UNITED NATIONS SECRETARY-GENERAL TO CO-ORDINATE UNITED NATIONS ACTIVITIES IN THE FIELD OF HUNGARIAN RELIEF, WILL RECEIVE \$400,000.

OF THE \$400,000 WHICH WILL BE TURNED OVER TO THE HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR REFUGEES, \$250,000 IS INTENDED FOR THE USE OF THE AUSTRIAN GOVERNMENT TO HELP PROVIDE FOR HUNGARIAN REFUGEES IN AUSTRIA WHO ARE NOT NOW COVERED BY THE TERMS OF THE UNITED NATIONS-INTERNATIONAL RED CROSS AGREEMENT UNDER WHICH THE RED CROSS ACTS AS ADMINISTRATOR FOR THE UNITED NATIONS IN CERTAIN OF THE REFUGEE CAMPS IN AUSTRIA.