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The Department of External Affairs announced today that, subject to parliamentary approval, provision is being made for a contribution of \$1.8 million (U.S.) to the United Nations Expanded Programme of Technical Assistance for the 6th financial year. Since its inception in 1950 Canada has contributed \$5,400,000 to the programme. The proposed contribution for the 6th financial year represents an increase of \$300,000 over that for the last two years.

The multilateral technical assistance programme is an important part of the activities of the United Nations and has always been actively supported by Canada. It offers one of the best means of effectively assisting the economically less well developed countries with their problems and, in this respect, in the Colombo Plan area supplements Canada's Colombo Plan activities. The United Nations Programme contributes appreciably to a better understanding among peoples and governments and provides a continuing expression of concerted international co-operation and, by improving technical knowledge, skills and techniques, seeks to raise the standards of living of the under-developed countries.

In addition, as an expression of the Canadian Government's continuing support for the programme, and in an endeavour to guarantee that its administration shall be placed upon a firm administrative foundation and so that its projects may be planned on a long term basis, it is the intention of the Government that an undertaking be given, subject to parliamentary appropriations, that support of the same general order of magnitude could be expected in 1957 and 1958.

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