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The Honourable Howard Green, Secretary of State for External Affairs, today announced that two donations totalling \$15,000 have been made from the International Relief Fund for the alleviation of suffering in East Pakistan. Violent cyclones which struck the area a few days ago for the second time in three weeks have taken the lives of 10,000 people and left more than 100,000 others homeless.

In response to the international appeal launched after the first cyclone, the Canadian Red Cross provided \$5,000 from the International Relief Fund to assist the disaster victims. A second donation of \$10,000 has now been made. The total of \$15,000 in relief assistance has been sent to the Pakistan Red Cross to be used for the purchase of clothing, drugs, multivitamin tablets and other urgently needed supplies.

The International Relief Fund contains funds contributed by the Canadian Government, provincial governments and private citizens, and is administered by the Canadian Red Cross. It is used to provide relief assistance abroad for severe natural disasters.