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STATEMENT BY THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS, THE HON. PAUL MARTIN, TO MARK THE BEGINNING OF INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION YEAR

Today, January 1, 1965, is the beginning of the United Nations International Cooperation Year, a year which also marks the twentieth anniversary of the world organization.

The aim of International Cooperation Year is to focus world attention on those areas of international activity where cooperation exists, rather than on those areas of dispute which at present divide the peoples of the world. I hope that the events planned for this year will bring home to all Canadians the essential interdependence of all countries, and the necessity to build on and increase our involvement in the world. Just as Canada has given a lead in developing plans for the International Cooperation Year, so Canadians can give a lead to the world in carrying out these programmes, and in developing a sense of kinship with other peoples and nations.

The Committee for International Cooperation Year in Canada, a non-governmental organization instituted for co-ordination of Canadian projects for ICY, has asked all levels of government, interested organizations, and individuals to participate in the International Cooperation Year. This Committee under the capable leadership of Dr. J. Roby Kidd has set up headquarters in Ottawa and all individuals with suggestions or who wish to assist