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The Department of External Affairs announced today that, in response to a request from the Secretary-General of the United Nations, the Government of Canada has sent to the United Nations an account of the steps taken by Canada to give effect to resolutions on economic and social matters approved by the General Assembly and the Economic and Social Council. Canada has submitted the following information:

## Resolutions Adopted by the General Assembly

### Resolution 45 (I) - 11 December, 1946 - World Shortage of Cereals and Other Foodstuffs.

This resolution asked that food producing countries take practical steps to increase the output of foodstuffs and to continue and strengthen international machinery with a view to using exportable food supplies in the most effective way.

During the year 1947 and the first quarter of 1948 Canada has largely maintained the high levels of food exports reached during the war years and the early post-war period. Exports of the most important food commodities during this period have been as follows:

189,318,911 bushels of wheat  
20,941,904 barrels wheat flour  
26,832,220 bushels of coarse grains  
1,223,233 Cwt. oatmeal and rolled oats  
3,106,061 Cwt. beef, veal and cured pork meat  
125,762,200 lbs. canned meat

Export controls on many essential foodstuffs have been retained and have enabled the Canadian Government to direct export supplies where they will meet the greatest need. Moreover, no wheat fit for human consumption is released to distillers and sales of wheat to distillers have thus been reduced to negligible amounts.

Canada has also contributed to international efforts to make the best use of world food supplies by co-operating to the full in the work of the I.E.F.C. and of F.A.O. In March, 1948 Canada signed the International Wheat Agreement. Within the past few days the Canadian Parliament has approved this Agreement, by which Canada, during the next five crop years, undertakes to meet export demands of not less than 230,000,000 bushels a year at not more than the maximum price of \$2.00.