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The Department of External Affairs announced today that Canada has made a further contribution of \$500,000 to the United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund (UNICEF). A cheque for this amount has been forwarded to the Canadian Commercial Corporation where it will be used for the purchase by the Fund of commodities required to implement its programme.

Including the contribution now made to UNICEF for the year 1953, the Canadian Government has contributed \$8,475,050 to the Fund since its establishment. In addition voluntary contributions from Canadians have reached approximately \$1,500,000.

UNICEF was created in 1947 in order to help children from war devastated countries. In recent years, its resources have been mainly devoted to the establishment and maintenance of long term welfare programmes for needy children in under-developed countries. More than 60 million children in 84 countries have received help from UNICEF which has proved one of the most widely praised undertakings of the United Nations.
