

that the Canadian Government will be glad to be associated with the proposed gift of wheat to Greece. As you will be aware, the Governments of the United Kingdom, the United States, Australia, Argentina and Canada are on the point of subscribing to a Memorandum of Agreement looking toward the conclusion of a comprehensive international wheat agreement.³² This Memorandum of Agreement provides, *inter alia*, for the immediate establishment of a pool of wheat and flour for relief in war-stricken and other necessitous areas so soon as the international situation permits. Article VI of the draft Wheat Convention which is to become operative as soon as the Memorandum of Agreement is initialled, provides that the Governments of Canada, the United Kingdom and the United States of America give to the relief pool "as and when required by the Council" (which is to be set up under the Agreement), 25,000,000 and 50,000,000 bushels respectively of wheat or its equivalent in whole or in part of flour, f.o.b. seaboard port in the country of origin. The Canadian Government are of the opinion that the proposed arrangements for the provision of relief wheat to Greece could, with advantage, be related to and form a first instalment of the plan for the provision of free wheat to war-stricken and necessitous areas which has been worked out by the countries participating in the Washington wheat negotiations. It is not suggested that deliveries of wheat to Greece should be deferred until the Memorandum of Agreement has been initialled and the Council contemplated under Articles VI and VII of the Draft Convention set up. In view of the desperate food situation prevailing in Greece, it should be possible to secure the interim concurrence of the other countries associated in the wheat negotiations to the wheat shipments proposed under the arrangement which the United Kingdom Government is negotiating, going forward at once from Canada as the first Canadian contribution under the proposed relief pool.

Yours sincerely,

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IMMEDIATE

Dear Mr. Robertson,

I duly communicated to the authorities in London the contents of your letter of the 30th March³³ about relief shipments of wheat to Greece. I have now received a reply to the following effect.

³² Voir Canada, *Recueil des traités*, 1942, N° 11.

³³ Ceci est une erreur. La lettre en question est celle du 11 avril, le document précédent.

³² See Canada, *Treaty Series*, 1942, No. 11.

³³ This is an error. The letter in question is that of April 11, the preceding document.