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## CANADIAN CONTRIBUTION TO THE ILO

The Secretary of State for External Affairs and the Minister of Labour today announced that Canada has decided to make a voluntary contribution of \$200,000 (US) to the International Labour Organization (ILO). This contribution will be in addition to Canada's assessed contribution for 1978, \$2,558,888 (US), which has already been paid to the ILO. This voluntary contribution, along with those made by other members of the ILO, is intended to help the Organization overcome the financial difficulties that have arisen as a result of the United States withdrawal from the ILO in November, 1977. Although the ILO has made a considerable effort to reduce expenditures in order to compensate for the loss of the United States' twenty-five per cent share of assessed contributions, a full reduction has not been possible. The ILO has, therefore, requested voluntary contributions from its members to make up the small remaining shortfall of approximately \$5.6 million (US).

