

The Department of External Affairs today released the following statement:

Mlle Monique Bégin, M.P. and Canadian delegate on the Trusteeship Committee of the United Nations General Assembly, today announced at the United Nations that in the spirit of both the celebration of the 25th Anniversary of the United Nations Declaration on Human Rights and of the 1973 Commonwealth Heads of Government Conference in Ottawa, the Canadian Government has recently undertaken to broaden the scope of its humanitarian assistance in Southern Africa. Such further aid will be channelled through Canadian non-governmental and international organizations which are assisting the efforts of the peoples of Southern Africa who are involved in the struggle for human dignity and self-determination.

Parallel to this development, Mlle Bégin also announced that, subject to parliamentary approval, Canada, in 1974, will contribute \$175,000 to the United Nations Education and Training Programme in Southern Africa and \$100,000 to the International University Exchange Fund, two programmes which provide scholarship assistance to refugees from the minority regimes in Southern Africa. Canada is now at the top of the list of 24 state contributors to the UN Fund, having increased its contribution by \$100,000 over the current year's contribution.