
programs to deal with the whole interaction between the child and his environment. This being said, it must be recognized that, as programs expand, it is essential that the areas of concern of all bodies in the UN system should be increasingly defined and their activities co-ordinated with one another and with those of donors in the context of overall programs established by governments. As regards UNICEF, my Government has prepared a working paper on priority-setting which suggests focusing on the "Conception-to-Year-Five" period as a specific priority area for UNICEF. It will look forward to pursuing the discussion of this conception in the Executive Board of UNICEF at its next session.

At this time last year, the Canadian Government pledged to the regular programs of UNICEF the sum of \$3.5 million. This year, in view of the continued pressures for expansion and the need to respond to the urgent needs of children and their mothers in developing countries, the Canadian Government will increase its contribution to \$5 million, subject to Parliamentary approval. In addition, I am pleased to draw attention to the fact that the Canadian Government has recently advised UNICEF that it is contributing \$2 million, \$1 million in cash and \$1 million in kind, in the present fiscal year in support of the special-assistance projects that have been designed to meet the urgent needs of children in countries most seriously affected by the current economic situation. This contribution is not earmarked for any specific country but is intended, rather, to help meet the most pressing needs.

As part of the Canadian Government's contribution to the United Nations Indochina Relief Operation, I am very pleased to announce that it will give an additional \$3-million cash contribution for the same program through UNICEF.

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