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THE DEPARTMENT OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS ANNOUNCED TODAY THAT THE GOVERNMENT HAD DECIDED TO ALLOCATE IMMEDIATELY \$250,000 TO THE UNITED NATIONS HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR REFUGEES AND \$250,000 TO THE CANADIAN RED CROSS SOCIETY, FOR ASSISTANCE TO THE VICTIMS OF THE RECENT TRAGIC EVENTS IN HUNGARY. BOTH SUMS WILL BE CHARGED AGAINST THE VOTE OF \$1,000,000 RECENTLY APPROVED FOR THIS PURPOSE BY THE SPECIAL SESSION OF PARLIAMENT. THIS ALLOCATION OF HALF OF THE MONEY VOTED BY PARLIAMENT IS WITHOUT PREJUDICE TO THE EXACT DISTRIBUTION OF THE REMAINING \$500,000, ON WHICH IT IS EXPECTED THAT A DECISION WILL BE TAKEN SHORTLY.

IN EFFECT, THIS INCREASES THE AMOUNTS AT PRESENT BEING MADE AVAILABLE TO THE UNITED NATIONS HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR REFUGEES AND TO THE CANADIAN RED CROSS SOCIETY TO \$250,000 EACH INSTEAD OF THE AMOUNT OF \$100,000 EACH ORIGINALLY ANNOUNCED BY THE PRIME MINISTER LAST NOVEMBER 7.