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ANNOUNCEMENT OF EXTRA-BUDGETARY CONTRIBU-
TIONS TO THE UNITED NATIONS RELIEF AND WORKS
AGENCY FOR PALESTINE REFUGEES IN THE NEAR
EAST

Mr. President,

On behalf of the Canadian Delegation, I wish to congratulate you on your election as President of the 1963 Conference for the announcement of extra-budgetary contributions to the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East.

There is no need to dwell on the valuable and highly humanitarian task carried out by the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East under the direction, during the past five years, of Dr. John H. Davis, its Commissioner General. The report before us, like those of the past years, shows the importance of the task accomplished. It indicates the emphasis placed on programmes of education and vocational training in the activities which were carried out by the staff of the Agency under the able guidance of Dr. Davis. My Government and my Delegation were particularly impressed by the report's statistics concerning teacher training and the increase in the number of teachers. From 600 in 1959-60, the latter reached 4,500 during the present year when training centres were operating on a full scale. We have supported the belief of Dr. Davis in the importance of the educational work of UNRWA.