

The Honourable David MacDonald was appointed the Special Co-ordinator for the African Crisis. He will complete his original mandate on March 31st, and is preparing a detailed report. That will be submitted in March to the Government and then to the Standing Committee on External Affairs and National Defence. I have expressed to the Chairman of that Committee my hope that Mr. MacDonald's report be considered as a high priority, so the Government can have the recommendations of both the Committee and Mr. MacDonald when we consider any further special steps Canada might take in response to the crisis in Africa including measures to encourage the continuing direct involvement of individual Canadian.

I want to advise the House of some of the initiatives Canada has taken so far:

- * A \$6.5 million shipment of food has been delivered to Ethiopia through the World Food Program.

- * Another \$11 million in food aid is to be delivered to the three Sahel countries, Mali, Niger and Chad in the coming weeks.