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SPECIAL FUND FOR AFRICA

The establishment of a \$50 million Special Fund for Africa, along with specific initiatives to help Ethiopia, were announced today by the Secretary of State for External Affairs, the Right Honourable Joe Clark.

Canadian concern for Ethiopia has been overwhelming, said Mr. Clark. The recently-appointed Co-ordinator for the African Famine, Mr. David MacDonald, has been deluged with calls from across Canada with offers of assistance for the people of Ethiopia. Non-governmental organisations (NGOs) have been vital in mobilizing Canadian support, and the Secretary of State for External Affairs reiterated the list of NGOs who are accepting contributions for the African famine (attached). He also indicated that parts of the Special Fund for Africa will be used to match funds raised by Canadians, with formulas being developed following consultations between the voluntary sector and Mr. MacDonald.

Mr. Clark also announced that the Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA) will be contributing an additional \$3,525,000 in humanitarian relief assistance to Ethiopia through such organizations as the International Committee of the Red Cross, Development and Peace and Oxfam Canada. Furthermore, CIDA will be providing \$4 million to send 10,000 - 15,000 more tons of cereal to Ethiopia.