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ON THE EXPANDED PROGRAMME OF TECHNICAL
ASSISTANCE AND THE SPECIAL FUND

STATEMENT BY MR. KALMEN KAPLANSKY,
REPRESENTATIVE OF CANADA.

Mr. Chairman:

May I first extend to you the warmest congratulations of my Delegation on your unanimous election to preside over the 1963 Pledging Conference for the Expanded Programme of Technical Assistance and the United Nations Special Fund. The privilege of congratulating you is particularly welcome since you have served with such distinction as Australian High Commissioner to my country. I would also wish to congratulate the two distinguished vice-chairmen of this Pledging Conference, the representatives of Senegal and Mongolia.

I can be very brief, because what I have to say will speak for itself. Subject to parliamentary approval, Canada is pledging \$7,325,000 (Canadian) to the Expanded Programme for Technical Assistance and the United Nations Special Fund for their 1964 programmes. Of this sum, \$5,000,000 is pledged to the Special Fund -- an amount which virtually doubles our contribution of last year. \$2,325,000 will go to the Expanded Programme to continue its vital work in providing technical assistance during the critical year ahead.

By doubling our pledge to the Special Fund we have sought to emphasize how vital pre-investment is. We wholeheartedly support the essential work which the Special Fund undertakes in this field. Each of the 327 projects already approved -- the resources and feasibility surveys,