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The Secretary of State for External Affairs, the Honourable Paul Martin, announced today that, in response to an urgent appeal from the Government of Cyprus, the Canadian Government is providing through the Canadian Red Cross five thousand dollars of emergency relief in the form of Canadian medical supplies. The contribution, which will include antibiotics, surgical dressings and equipment, bandages and stretchers, will be transported to Cyprus this week by the RCAF. The relief shipment will be handed over to the delegation of the International Committee of the Red Cross in Nicosia for distribution to distressed Cypriots in all sections of the population.