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Statement by the Hon. E. J. Brennan, Canadian Representative  
on the Joint (British, French, American and Canadian)  
Committee on Refugees, October 1950

The Report of the Joint Committee on Refugees for 1950

Mr. Chairman:

Last year the General Assembly requested the Government of the United Kingdom to voluntarily re-examine its position and the general policy to be pursued during World Refugee Year to improve the situation of refugees. This year has been privileged to hear from the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees one of the most encouraging reports on the effect which this year has had in reducing the numbers of refugees in makeshift camps and in some cases in eliminating them entirely. This report brings out very clearly the immense task which remains to be done in the international community, yet it also shows the efforts to be made to avoid a mass exodus from the efforts of the High Commissioner, we have to value a long way in dealing with the "refugee problem" by the end of 1950 the total number of non-accepted refugees in camps including those in camps and outside camps will have decreased to 27,000. Of the 19,500 who will be in camps at the end of the year, the majority, 15,000 will be in the Camps Programme which is now financially unbalanced, it is encouraging to note that the High Commissioner's Office intends to "grad and out" until the winter is out of camp.

The steadily declining number of refugees in camps and makeshift camps was made possible because, during World Refugee Year, a determined effort was made on this aspect of the general refugee problem. In this connection, it is also worth noting that the Canadian Government announced in the General Assembly last year that it would give financial assistance to the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees.