

should be put forth to assist those under duress, notably the refugees in Rwanda. Since that time, the External Affairs Department has sent its Ambassador to Kinshasa to Burundi on a fact-finding mission and to express to the authorities there the concerns of Canada in regard to the tragic events that have stricken the northern part of the country. The Ambassador will also visit the Rwandan refugee camps.

The Hon. Monique Landry, Minister for External Relations and International Development, has announced that the Canadian International Development Agency has granted emergency food aid of \$150,000 for these refugees, via the Canadian Organization for Solidarity and Development, and has raised the ceiling of the Canadian Local Initiatives Fund by \$100,000 for the purchase of blankets, medicine and other necessities. "More substantial humanitarian aid will be forthcoming as soon as the conclusions of the missions of the High Commission for Refugees and of the Red Cross to Rwanda and Burundi are known", Mrs. Landry said. The representatives of CIDA in Rwanda visited the refugee camps there this week.

Finally, consultations are under way with bilateral partners and with a number of international organizations, to examine possible means of assisting the distressed groups, and of restoring the peace and stability required for a return of the refugees and displaced persons to Burundi.