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The Department of External Affairs announced today that the Canadian Government has contributed 1,000 tons of Canadian salted cod valued at \$300,000 to the United Nations Emergency Relief Programme in Korea.

The Korean Government places a high priority on food imports both to provide food for the Korean people and as a counter inflationary measure and the United Nations Command has indicated that it would welcome a donation of Canadian salted cod fish for Korean relief.

The Emergency Relief Programme was inaugurated by the United Nations Command shortly after the outbreak of hostilities in Korea. Its aim is to provide immediate relief to the Korean people in the form of food, clothing, medicine, etc. Thirty-six countries are participating in this programme.

This Programme is in addition to the long-range reconstruction programme carried out by the United Nations Korean Reconstruction Agency in which Canada, together with 33 other countries, participates and towards which the Canadian Government has pledged and paid \$7,250,000.

The salted cod will be shipped to Korea from Halifax and it is expected that the final shipment will have been made by the end of the year.
