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The Department of External Affairs announced today that the Governments of Canada and Ceylon have agreed on a Statement of Principles for the co-operative economic development of Ceylon under the Colombo Plan.

The principles were confirmed by an exchange of notes in Colombo yesterday (July 11). The text of the Statement of Principles is attached.

As part of its programme of economic aid to Ceylon, Canada will undertake this year a fisheries development and research project. The Government of Ceylon rates this project as of the highest priority and the detailed plan has been worked out by a Canadian fisheries expert, Mr. D.M. Haywood, who has himself been serving in Ceylon for the past year, under the Colombo Technical Co-operation Programme, as consultant to the Minister of Fisheries. The project will entail the provision of fishing boats and equipment and small demonstration plants for ice-making, cold storage, canning and drying, as well as the services of experienced Canadian fishermen and technicians who will be needed to train Ceylonese personnel. This will be an all-Canadian project, designed to develop the fishing resources of Ceylon and thus increase its food production.

Other economic development projects for Ceylon are under consideration.

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