

Most Canadians in South Viet-Nam are now concentrated in the Saigon area. Some have already left, and arrangements are being made to assist the others to leave the country.

With respect to humanitarian assistance I can make the following announcement. To help meet the urgent need for humanitarian relief programmes in South Viet-Nam and Cambodia, arrangements are being made to provide emergency assistance immediately and in the longer term. The first phase of Canada's response to this changing situation will consist of a total of up to \$6.25 million. On March 27, I announced a portion of this, a \$1.75 million dollar contribution to UNICEF, UNHCR and Red Cross emergency relief programmes. An additional \$2 million dollars will be contributed through CIDA to these organizations. We also plan to provide \$2.5 million dollars in food aid based on need and the availability of secure distribution points. A second phase of relief assistance is also being planned and the specifics of this phase will be announced later. Details of the present programme of humanitarian assistance are given in the press release distributed here today.