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The Secretary of State for External Affairs, the Honourable Paul Martin, announced today that the Government of Canada had approved a contribution of \$10,000 for the immediate provision of relief supplies for the victims of the cyclone and flood in East Pakistan. At the appropriate time, Parliamentary approval will be sought for the disbursement. The Canadian Red Cross will be asked to undertake the task of applying these funds to the relief of distress in the disaster area.

On the night of May 28-29 a severe cyclone, followed by a tidal wave, struck the coast of East Pakistan. Latest reports indicate that thousands of persons have died and many more are homeless, victims of this natural disaster, and that the material damage may surpass that caused in the typhoon of 1960.

On May 31 the Prime Minister, the Right Honourable L.B. Pearson, addressed a message to President Ayub Khan of Pakistan to convey to the families of the victims the deep and sincere sympathy of the Government and people of Canada.