

CONTRIBUTION TO THE 1954 TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAMME

Text of a statement delivered on November 13, 1953, by the Canadian Representative in the Fourth Technical Assistance Conference in New York City, Senator S.S. McKee.

Note: This statement should be read in conjunction with the principal statement made by the Canadian Representative at the Conference on November 12, 1953, the text of which is available in Statements and Speeches series No. 23445.

Mr. President:

I have asked your permission to speak again in order to clarify further the position of my Government regarding its contribution to the 1954 programme. As I stated earlier, the exact amount of this contribution is to depend upon the total of funds contributed. The results achieved by the Pledging Conference have been most encouraging and heartening, but in order to allow every chance for the programme to reach the maximum figure possible, we are prepared to take into account in determining the total of the Canadian contribution any further pledges that may be received up to December 31, 1953. It is our hope that this suggestion will be acceptable to other members and that the Conference will decide, as was done last year, to extend the closing date for pledges to December 31, 1954. We also suggest that the closing date for signing the final act of the Conference should be the same, that is December 31, 1953.