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SUPPLEMENTARY UNITED NATIONS HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR REFUGEES INDEMNIFICATION FUND

The Secretary of State for External Affairs, the Honourable Paul Martin, announced today that he has received notification of an agreement recently concluded between the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees and the Federal Republic of Germany, whereby DM 3.5 million (\$875,000.) will be made available to the High Commissioner for the creation of a new fund for certain categories of refugees persecuted under the National-Socialist Regime in Germany for reasons of nationality, who were excluded under the terms of a similar fund amounting to approximately \$11,000,000. established in 1960.

Under the 1960 fund which was disbursed to 12,000 national persecutees in 35 countries, applicants had to be refugees on October 1, 1953, in order to qualify. The new fund is intended to benefit national persecutees who either acquired a new nationality prior to that date or became refugees after that date. Those who believe they meet the criteria laid down under the terms of the new fund are advised that they must file new claims irrespective of any earlier applications they may have made for indemnification. The last date for receiving of claims at the Office of the UNHCR in Geneva being September 30, 1967.

The official text of the formal announcement of the Supplementary UNHCR Indemnification Fund reads as follows:

1. The United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees announces that the Government of the Federal Republic of Germany has undertaken to put at his disposal a further amount of DM 3,500,000 to assist persons persecuted under the National-Socialist Regime by reason of their nationality.

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