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The Canadian Government's contribution of \$500,000 to the United Nations Children's Fund for the year 1954, subject to parliamentary approval, will be announced today by Mrs. D. B. Sinclair, Executive Assistant to the Deputy Minister of National Health and Welfare, at the meeting of the Fund's Executive Board which is taking place in New York. The Board normally meets at this time of year to receive reports on the activities of the Fund and to make allocations for future programmes.

The Canadian Government has already contributed \$8,375,000 to the Fund since its establishment. In addition, voluntary contributions from individuals in Canada of approximately \$1,500,000 have been sent to the Fund.

UNICEF was created in 1947 under the name of the United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund in order to help children from war-devastated countries. In 1950 the Fund was authorized to undertake for a period of three years ending December 31, 1953, long-range welfare projects for needy children in under-developed countries. On October 8, 1953, the General Assembly provided by a unanimous vote for the continuation of the Fund for an indefinite period.
