

External Affairs
Supplementary Paper

By its past contributions to the Expanded Programme of Technical Assistance and through its membership on the Negotiating Committee for Extra Budgetary Funds, the Canadian Government has shown its willingness to co-operate fully with the United Nations and with other governments in securing the funds necessary to carry out this essential task of dispensing technical assistance to those countries which are seriously in need of it. By this new pledge for the year 1953, the Canadian Government is giving notice of its desire to continue this co-operation and to do everything possible to encourage increasingly wider and more enthusiastic participation on the part of all governments in technical assistance programmes.

In conclusion ... I should like to take this opportunity to express on behalf of my Government my appreciation to the officials of the United Nations and of the Specialized Agencies which have continued throughout 1952 to do so much to assure the success of the technical assistance programmes. The Canadian Government is fully aware of the administrative and operational difficulties which these officials face in implementing a programme of this nature, and we are grateful to them for their devotion and energy in fulfilling the task assigned to them. The Canadian Government is also grateful to the officials of the Technical Assistance Board for their efforts in insuring an always greater co-ordination between the various activities of the United Nations and its Specialized Agencies in the field of technical assistance. The Canadian Government has always attached much importance to the necessity of avoiding overlapping and duplication of efforts. Mainly as a result of the re-organization of the Technical Assistance Board, considerable progress has already been made in this direction; nonetheless, we all know that perfect co-ordination is not a goal which can be achieved once and then forgotten, but is an objective which is never really reached but towards which one must constantly strive. We feel confident that the Technical Assistance Board with the assistance and full co-operation of the Technical Assistance Administration and the Specialized Agencies will continue to strive for this objective and thus keep in the field of technical assistance the highest possible degree of co-ordination and effectiveness.

It is the intention of the Canadian Government to use again this year a matching formula. I have been authorized to state at this Conference that the Canadian Government is prepared to contribute to the year 1953 for the year 1953 dollars, provided reaches the \$20 million mark. I have also been authorized to state that the Canadian Government will, subject to the conditions mentioned below, be prepared to increase this contribution, up to a maximum amount of \$30,000,000 (United States dollars). As in past years, the decision to increase the Canadian contribution will depend on the response of all other Governments to this appeal, before the final Act of the Conference is closed. The Canadian Government regretted last year that it was not possible, as a result of the response of other governments, to the highest possible degree of co-ordination and effectiveness.



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