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International Co-operation Year

The Secretary of State for External Affairs, the Honourable Paul Martin, announced today the awarding of a grant of \$25,000 to International co-operation Year (Canada).

International Co-operation Year (Canada) is a non-governmental organization, under the Chairmanship of Dr. J. R. Kidd, set up to organize and co-ordinate the activities of non-governmental organizations in Canada during 1965, the International Co-operation Year. International Co-operation Year was so designated by the unanimous consent of the 19th General Assembly of the United Nations. The aims and purposes of ICY are to publicize those areas in which co-operation already exists while initiating a series of projects in the international field. This programme will, it is hoped, by its emphasis on co-operation rather than conflict, mould public opinion to recognize more clearly the vital necessity for co-operation in an interdependent modern world.

International Co-operation Year (Canada) has provided leadership in Canada in developing a comprehensive national non-governmental plan and programme for ICY, while as well showing the way to the formation of national committees in other countries. The Government of Canada, by means of its grant of \$25,000 wishes to recognize the important task undertaken by International Co-operation Year (Canada) and the able way in which it has been carrying out, and will continue to carry out, its functions as a national co-ordinating body for non-governmental activities.