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CANADA PAYS 1993 CONTRIBUTION IN FULL TO THE UNITED NATIONS

The Secretary of State for External Affairs, the Honourable Barbara McDougall, announced today that Canada has paid its annual assessed contributions to the 1993 Regular Budget of the United Nations and of the major UN specialized agencies.

"By making payment before the end of the year," said Mrs. McDougall, "Canada wishes to show our support for the essential work of the United Nations in international peace and security, humanitarian assistance and furthering human rights and development throughout the world. Payment of UN dues in full and on time is a treaty obligation, and Canada calls upon all member states to meet their obligations in a timely fashion."

The Minister stressed that the United Nations continues to face a serious financial crisis that threatens its ability to carry out the urgent and important new tasks that it is regularly asked to take on, particularly in the field of peacekeeping.

Canada's assessed contribution to the UN's Regular Budget for 1993 stands at 3.11 per cent or US\$31,743,607. The government has also paid its 1993 assessed contributions to the following major UN specialized agencies: International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO), headquartered in Montreal; World Health Organization (WHO); International Labour Organization (ILO); Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO); United Nations Education, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO); International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA); and International Maritime Organization (IMO). In addition to its contribution to the UN's Regular Budget, Canada pays assessed contributions of about US\$80 million a year to 10 UN peacekeeping operations.

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