

its capability, is shortly to be converted to an automated system. The WMO Secretary-General has also been informed in detail of the Canadian meteorological research and training programmes. Fellowships are offered when requests are received from governments with which Canada has bilateral agreements covering foreign aid. The Canadian Government has also decided to contribute \$500,000 over the next four years towards the implementation of the World Weather Watch. This contribution will assist developing countries with their projects and will be in addition to Canada's normal foreign aid contributions. The assistance will be provided directly to the needy countries, selected from those that have informed WMO that they cannot carry out the improvements required of them by the World Weather Watch plan.

Canada, through its continuing concentration on orderly advancement of the science of meteorology and application of modern tools to improve its way of operating as rapidly as is appropriate to its development programme, is providing guide-lines for other countries to follow.

It is hoped that by 1988 the world will be accustomed to reliable weekly, monthly and seasonal forecasts, and a modest control over continental storms and damaging hurricanes. Whether this happens will depend to a large extent on the degree to which the World Weather Watch becomes a living global reality.

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