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DEATH OF MR. GERRY N. VOGEL,
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE
WORLD FOOD PROGRAMME

The Secretary of State for External Affairs, Dr. Mark MacGuigan, today expressed on behalf of the Government of Canada his condolences at the passing last Wednesday of Gerry N. Vogel, who had been Executive Director of the World Food Programme and also the most senior Canadian working at the United Nations Organization.

Dr. MacGuigan noted that following an outstanding career in both the Canadian public and private grain sector, including seven years as Chief Commissioner of the Canadian Wheat Board, Gerry Vogel was asked to be Executive Director of the World Food Programme in 1977. During his tenure as head of the World Food Programme, he focussed on the important developmental aspects of food aid and gained the respect of developed and developing countries for his views on development and for his direction of the programme.

Dr. MacGuigan said that Gerry Vogel was regarded by his many friends and colleagues here in Canada with deep affection and respect both for his long years of public service to the Canadian agricultural community and for his major contributions to the United Nations' system through his work as head of the World Food Programme of the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO). His accomplishments during three decades of service to Canada will be long remembered.