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Increased Canadian Pledge for Technical Assistance

The Canadian Permanent Representative to the United Nations, Ambassador Paul Tremblay, today announced that subject to Parliamentary approval the Canadian Government intends to make contributions totalling \$9,500,000 to the combined programme for 1966 of the United Nations Special Fund and the United Nations Expanded Programme of Technical Assistance (EPTA). This pledge represents an increase of \$2,200,000 on Canada's 1965 total contributions to these two programmes of \$7,300,000.

Mr. Tremblay made this announcement at the Special Fund - EPTA Pledging Conference held at the United Nations today and his announcement was made in the expectation that these two programmes will be combined, as now envisaged, in a United Nations development programme for pre-investment and technical assistance purposes during the current session of the General Assembly. Text of Mr. Tremblay's statement follows:

"Mr. Chairman, Canada has always supported the Expanded Technical Assistance Programme as well as the activities of the Special Fund. I am therefore gratified to announce, on behalf of my Government, that, subject to the approval of the Canadian Parliament, Canada will contribute \$9,500,000 to the combined programme for 1966 of the United Nations Special Fund and the Expanded Programme of Technical Assistance. This represents an increase of almost one-third or \$2,200,000 over the Canadian contributions in 1965. Canada makes this voluntary contribution to the United Nations Development Programme as envisaged in resolution 1020 of the Economic and Social Council. This resolution must still be approved by the General Assembly. In the light of developments, my Government will decide on the allocation of our increased contribution between pre-investment and technical assistance activities.

"The notable achievements of the Expanded Programme and the Special Fund clearly show the degree to which multilateral assistance can assist the developing countries in the exploitation of their natural resources in the best interests of their people. The recommendation of the Economic and Social Council that the two programmes should be merged will undoubtedly give a new dynamism to these programmes. We are certain,