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U.N. DAY MESSAGE TO THE SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE UNITED NATIONS FROM THE HONOURABLE PAUL MARTIN, SECRETARY OF STATE FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

On the occasion of United Nations Day I wish to express my warm personal good wishes and those of the Canadian Government and people to you and to all staff members of the United Nations Family of Organizations. On this twentieth anniversary it is natural and proper that we should look back at the record of accomplishment since 1945. But our purpose in so doing must be to draw knowledge and encouragement as we face the problems of today and tomorpow.

The future of the Organization will be determined by the firmness with which all of us - member nations and members of the international staff - maintain allegiance to the aims and purposes of the United Nations, the achievement of peace, freedom and economic and social advancement. This, of course, was the burden of the message brought to us by His Holiness free Paul. I am confident that his plea for renewed dedication to the attainment of these goals will not go unheeded. To this end I pledge on behalf of Canada our continuing support for the activities of the United Nations in keeping the peace, in the struggle to evercome poverty, ignorance and disease, and in the development of a code of conduct between nations which will encourage amity and progress. In particular I wish to assure you that in the conduct of your important duties as Secretary General, Canada, as always, stands ready to assist whenever called upon to do so.

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