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His Excellency Javier Perez de Cuellar,
Secretary-General of the United Nations,
New York.

Excellency,

I have the honour on behalf of the Government and people of Canada, to convey to you and through you to the international staff of the United Nations system, our warmest wishes on the occasion of the thirty-eighth anniversary on October 24 of the founding of the United Nations.

Among the many observances of U.N. Day across Canada will be the presentation of the Pearson Peace Medal by Governor General Schreyer to the Right Reverend Georges Henri Lévesque. Father Lévesque was the founder and early organizer (1963-71) of the National University of Rwanda, and is now its Honorary President among many other international honours. Previously he was the founder and first Dean of the Faculty of Social Sciences at Canada's Laval University, and is well known as the "father of Quebec's Quiet Revolution" in the early 1960s. The Pearson Peace Medal is sponsored by the United Nations Association in Canada, which continues to develop the interest and support of Canadians toward the United Nations through its conferences, seminars and information activities. In recognition of its success in this endeavour, my Department is doubling its grant to the Association over four years beginning this year.

U.N. Day also marks the beginning of Disarmament Week throughout the world. At this time of international tension, the observances in Canada will reflect Canadians' deep concern about the arms race and the vital need for success in arms control and disarmament negotiations which we are actively seeking to advance. We have, for example, just launched a \$1 million annual program of research,

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