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**UNITED NATIONS TWENTY-FIVE YEARS OLD**

On the occasion of United Nations Day 1970, Prime Minister Pierre Elliott Trudeau released the following statement:

The United Nations today celebrates its twenty-fifth anniversary. In New York, at the conclusion of the commemorative session of the United Nations General Assembly, there will be a special ceremony of solemn rededication to the purposes and the principles of the Charter.

Over the past 25 years, disillusionment and failure have not been strangers to the UN, but there has been as well substantial progress in efforts to achieve peace, justice and progress – the theme chosen by the United Nations for its anniversary year.

I am proud of the efforts that Canada and Canadians have made in support of the United Nations in the past. We have made a substantial contribution to its peacekeeping efforts, the gains that it has made in economic and social progress, its achievements in the field of human rights.

Now, in looking forward to the future, we must build on these gains to solve the terrible problems of economic and social disparity, insecurity and discrimination which are still with us and to which have been added the new opportunities and problems created by the breathtaking technological advances of recent years. We have redefined the goals of our foreign policy and have pointed the way for a distinctive Canadian contribution to the United Nations in the years to come. We shall continue to work actively to support the achievement of the lofty aims of the Charter and on this important anniversary I reaffirm our support for the organization. I assure the Secretary-General, U Thant, and the executive heads of the whole United Nations family of organizations and the members of the international secretariats of the Canadian Government's appreciation for their work and of our support for the endeavours of the international community through the United Nations to attain the goals of the Charter.

STATEMENT BY MR. SHARP

At the UN Day ceremony on Parliament Hill, the Secretary of State for External Affairs, Mr. Mitchell Sharp, spoke as follows:

It is important that Canadians should take time each year to honour the United Nations, which means so much to us all in terms of the unceasing struggle for peace, economic development and social progress in an unsettled world. This year – the twenty-fifth anniversary of the United Nations – is much more than a ceremonial occasion, for it affords us all a good opportunity to reflect on what the United Nations has achieved and to give thought to what we may expect of it in the future....

It is fitting that our observance today has been organized not by the Government but by the Canadian Committee for the Twenty-fifth Anniversary of the United Nations, the Ottawa branch of the United Nations Association and the United Nations Association of Canada. This participation and active con-

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