

UNITED NATIONS EXPANDED PROGRAMME  
OF TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

In conclusion... I should like to take this opportunity to express on behalf of my Government my appreciation to the officials of the United Nations and of the Specialized Agencies who have made it possible for me to express my views. I welcome the opportunity which is offered me to express once again the wholehearted support of the Canadian Government to the United Nations Expanded Programme of Technical Assistance. The emergence of the idea of technical assistance to less economically-advanced countries constitutes one of the most significant developments in international affairs since 1945, and has probably brought about some of the most tangible achievements of the United Nations during these difficult years. The Canadian Government has placed great faith in the potentialities of technical assistance, and past Canadian contributions to the programme constitute, I think, ample evidence to this effect. Since the beginning of the United Nations Expanded Technical Assistance Programme, the Canadian Government has contributed over a million and a half dollars. I should add that this total would have been higher if the response of other governments had been higher. As you know, it is the belief of the Canadian authorities that the real success of the Technical Assistance Programme can only be assured through universal participation, with all governments contributing to the extent of their respective ability. In order to encourage this universal participation, we have had recourse, like some other governments, to the matching principle.

It is the intention of the Canadian Government to use again this year a matching formula. I have been authorized to state at this Conference that the Canadian Government is prepared, subject to the usual constitutional processes, to contribute to the Expanded Programme of Technical Assistance for the year 1953 the equivalent of \$750,000 United States dollars, provided the total amount of contributions pledged reaches the \$20 million mark. I have also been authorized to state that the Canadian Government will, subject to the conditions mentioned below, be prepared to increase this contribution, up to a maximum amount of \$850,000 (United States dollars). As in past years, the decision to increase the Canadian contribution will depend on the response of all other governments to this appeal, before the Final Act of the Conference is closed. The Canadian Government regretted last year that it was not possible, as a result of the response of other governments, to take up the full amount of the Canadian offer for 1952. It is the sincere hope of the Canadian Government that this will not be the case this year and that the total contributions pledged for the fiscal year 1953 will amount to \$25,000,000 in order that the Canadian contribution may be increased to the maximum amount of \$850,000.