

Canada has also announced a contribution of \$100 million to the World Bank's Special Facility for Sub-Saharan Africa which is linked to policy and institutional reform. This special contribution underscores our strong belief that the appropriate domestic policies conducive to economic growth and production must be adopted by African countries as an essential step for long term development. We shall be meeting with other partners in the CECD/DAC this week and in ECOSOC in the spring to try to focus our efforts more effectively in addressing these longer term problems.

Mr. President,

The magnitude of the crisis presents a challenge to the human values we hold dear, and to our shared political and economic institutions, including the United Nations system as a whole.

When people are dying from hunger, no country, no institution has the right to stand aside. Canada will continue to make determined efforts to ensure that the United Nations responds fully to the challenge. We urge others to join us in this task.