

Even greater tragedy would have happened had it not been for the selfless response of the noble Thais. Their open asylum policy - affirmed on October 19 by Thai Prime Minister Kriangsak - and their generous aid to the starving stand out as a beacon of light in a dark sea of inhumanity.

It is now the turn of the international community to come to the aid of those who have so valiantly been trying to deal with the tragedy. An appeal for \$110 million has been made jointly by the International Committee of the Red Cross and UNICEF, and the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees is asking for \$60 million in anticipation of an influx of hundreds of Cambodians into Thailand. Thailand itself has asked for \$30.8 million to enable it to continue its generous relief efforts.

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In response to these pleas I was able to announce a fortnight ago that Canada would make a contribution of \$5 million, to be apportioned between the two appeals. As the facts of the situation become ever more clearly known to the Canadian people, they have encouraged the government, on their behalf, to triple that contribution. I can announce, sir, that Canada's pledge to the relief of famine and disease in Kampuchea is \$15,000,000. In the coming weeks we shall determine precisely how these funds will be channelled into the coordinated international response.

It is the generosity and deep human feeling of the Canadian people that allows my government to make this pledge. I am confident that private donations will swell the contribution the government has pledged, just as private sponsorships have allowed us to accommodate more refugees than the government alone could have managed.

But generosity and compassion are not the only responses that the situation in Kampuchea has aroused in the hearts of Canadians. There is also a deep sense of outrage, of downright anger, at the man-made causes of this tragedy. They ask - nay they demand - that I convey this message.

A response that is restricted to the alleviation of the suffering is an inadequate response. Unless we can come to grips with, and solve the root causes of this appalling situation, we shall doom millions of people to continuing misery, privation, fear and death. The real challenge we face is to find a solution to the political problems confronting Indochina, and Kampuchea in particular.

First, the Vietnamese Government, along with the Heng Samrin and Pol Pot authorities, must stop playing politics with the very lives of millions of people. They must immediately