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GOVERNMENT ASSISTANCE TO CANADIAN UNIVERSITY SERVICE  
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The Secretary of State for External Affairs, the Honourable Paul Martin, today made the following statement.

The concept of voluntary overseas service in developing countries by young men and women is one of the most imaginative and significant developments of contemporary history.

For the past three years the Canadian University Service Overseas (CUSO), a national bilingual non-sectarian organization, has been placing young men and women in positions in the developing countries. Presently there are just over 200 young Canadians overseas in this programme.

Last year for the first time the government assisted CUSO by the provision of transportation through the facilities of the RCAF.

I am pleased to announce that this year the government intends to provide assistance in the order of half a million dollars from External Aid funds so that CUSO may greatly expand its work. It is my hope that this government support, which will include amongst other types of assistance all the