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## CANADIAN EMERGENCY COORDINATOR FOR AFRICAN FAMINE'S MANDATE EXTENDED

The Honourable Monique Vézina, Minister of External Relations, today announced the extension of the mandate of the Canadian Emergency Coordinator for African Famine until March 31, 1986.

The Honourable David MacDonald was first appointed to the post in November 1984. Under the renewed mandate he will continue his work coordinating and facilitating Canadian emergency relief and recovery efforts to Ethiopia and other African countries affected by the drought and famine until the end of 1985.

During the last three months of his mandate, Mr. MacDonald will concentrate on ensuring the initiatives and programmes undertaken by his office are integrated into existing institutions.

Some of the key responsibilities of the Canadian Emergency Coordinator include:

- Advising the Government on all measures to be taken regarding the situation in Africa and the nature of the emergency assistance to be provided to drought-stricken countries.
- Assisting voluntary organizations in their efforts to deploy the generous donations of thousands of Canadians to victims of the famine. In support of voluntary agencies, he will manage an \$18 million fund set up principally for recovery projects.

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