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The Department of External Affairs announced today that a Royal Canadian Air Force plane is being made available to fly emergency supplies to the stricken areas of Greece. The supplies of meat, sugar, camp-cots, sheets, pillowcases and soap, which have been donated by the Canadian Red Cross Society, will be distributed in Greece by the Greek Red Cross. The aircraft will leave from Toronto's Malton airport at approximately 5.00 p.m. today, EDT.

The Canadian Embassy in Greece has already conveyed to the Greek authorities an expression of the sympathy of the Canadian Government and people in connection with the disastrous earthquakes in the Ionian Islands. The situation is being kept under close review on the basis of reports from the Red Cross and the Canadian Embassy.