

CANADA AND CANADIANS HAVE PROVIDED MORE THAN THREE HUNDRED MILLION DOLLARS IN RELIEF SUPPLIES FOR AFFECTED CIVILIAN POPULATIONS.

THIS YEAR, IN ADDITION TO THE TWENTY-SIX MILLION DOLLARS WE HAVE ALREADY CONTRIBUTED TO SEVERAL UNITED NATIONS AND NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS, WE HAVE MADE INITIAL COMMITMENTS OF FOURTEEN MILLION DOLLARS FOR THE NEXT FISCAL YEAR.

CANADA HAS ENCOURAGED THE BELLIGERENT PARTIES TO SEEK PEACEFUL SOLUTIONS AND TO ENSURE THE FREE MOVEMENT OF RELIEF SUPPLIES.

THERE HAVE BEEN SEVERAL DIPLOMATIC INITIATIVES: IN ADDIS ABABA WE HAVE REGULAR DISCUSSIONS WITH WESTERN DONORS, INTERNATIONAL HUMANITARIAN ORGANIZATIONS, AND ETHIOPIAN GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS AND COMPARABLE CONTACTS IN OTTAWA WITH THE ETHIOPIAN CHARGE D'AFFAIRES; WE HAVE HAD DISCUSSIONS WITH THE UN SECRETARY GENERAL AND SENIOR OFFICIALS OF PERTINENT UN SPECIALIZED AGENCIES IN NEW YORK, GENEVA AND ROME.

WE HAVE ALSO MAINTAINED A DIALOGUE WITH THE REPRESENTATIVES OF THE EPLF AND TPLF REBEL GROUPS.

IN CONSULTATIONS WITH MEMBERS OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY, THE SOVIET UNION, THE UNITED STATES, THE NORDIC COMMUNITY AND COUNTRIES