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## PLEDGING CONFERENCE - U.N./F.A.O. WORLD FOOD PROGRAME

The Secretary of State for External Affairs, the Honourable Paul Martin, announced today that the Honourable J.J. Greene, Minister of Agriculture, will represent Canada at a World Food Programme Pledging Conference to be held at the United Nations in New York on Tuesday, January 18. At this conference governments contributing to an expanded world food programme covering the three years 1966-68 will pledge their contributions to the Programme. On behalf of Canada, Mr. Greene will be making a substantial pledge in keeping not only with the strong support which the Canadian Government has extended to the World Food Programme since its inception in 1963 but also in the light of the unanimous endorsement given recently by the Food and Agriculture Organization and the United Nations General Assembly for renewal of the Programme with an expanded target of US \$275 million for the next three years.