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## Canadian Contribution to UNRWA Increased

The Secretary of State for External Affairs, the Honourable Paul Martin, has announced that during 1967 the Canadian Government will increase by \$300,000 in the form of wheat flour its 1967/68 contribution to the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees (UNRWA). This will raise Canada's total contribution for the current fiscal year to \$1.5 million. The Canadian Government had in recent years pledged an annual amount of \$1.2 million to the Agency.

Canada traditionally has placed high among contributors to UNRWA since its inception in 1949 and this special Canadian contribution of \$300,000 is being made to assist the Agency in meeting increasing demands for its relief, health and educational services. Canadian assistance to UNRWA is motivated primarily by humanitarian considerations and by the belief that the Agency's services are vital to the stability of the area where refugees are located, Mr. Martin added.