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The Permanent Representative of Canada to the United Nations announced today in New York that, subject to parliamentary approval, the Canadian Government would make an additional contribution of \$500,000 to the United Nations Korean Reconstruction Agency (UNKRA). The announcement was made at a meeting of the United Nations Negotiating Committee for Extra-Budgetary Funds which is entrusted by the General Assembly with the task of collecting funds for United Nations relief and assistance agencies for which no provision is made in the regular budget of the United Nations and its Specialized Agencies.

The Canadian Government has already contributed \$7,250,000 to UNKRA. The Agency was established by the General Assembly in 1950 in order to assist in the restoration and rehabilitation of the Korean economy which was shattered by the war. The prolongation of hostilities, however, prevented the Agency from undertaking large-scale operations until the latter part of 1952. The Agency's programme is concerned with long-range reconstruction, particularly in the fields of agriculture, education, industry and fisheries. This programme is an addition to the Emergency Relief Programme which was inaugurated by the United Nations Command shortly after the outbreak of hostilities and which provides immediate relief to the Korean people in the form of food, clothing, medicine and other necessities. The Canadian Government has contributed Canadian salted cod valued at \$750,000 to the Emergency Programme. Canada's total contribution to Korean relief, if parliament approves the proposed new allocation, will be \$8,500,000.