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CANADA PLEDGES UP TO ONE MILLION
DOLLARS IN EMERGENCY AID TO MEXICO

The Honourable Monique Vézina, Minister for External Relations, having expressed her sympathy to the Mexican authorities and the Mexican people, announced this evening that the Government of Canada would immediately put aside one million dollars for emergency aid in response to the tragedy in Mexico.

Madame Vézina said, «By this gesture the Government of Canada hopes to show its solidarity with and support for the Mexican people in this time of crisis».

The Minister emphasized that while the full extent of the disaster had not yet been clearly established, communication between the Canadian International Development Agency and humanitarian organizations such as the Red Cross and the Pan-American Health Organization was being maintained. As well she stated that the Government of Canada is in contact with the Mexican Government regarding that country's emergency needs.