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## THE SITUATION IN ETHIOPIA

The Minister for External Relations and International Development, the Honourable Monique Landry, today expressed Canada's grave concern about recent developments in Ethiopia, which could endanger the lives of millions. The Canadian Embassy in Addis Ababa has regularly made representations to the Government of Ethiopia with a view to securing that Government's full and continued co-operation with international relief efforts.

"International donors are delivering sufficient food supplies to Ethiopia; the problem with which Canada, together with our international partners, is now grappling, is one of effective distribution", said the Minister.

Mrs. Landry stated that Canada is currently consulting with the office of the United Nations Special Representative in Ethiopia, with international relief agencies, and the donor community to determine the most effective way to ensure that relief efforts are not jeopardized in the Northern provinces. Canada's Ambassador to Ethiopia, the Honourable David MacDonald, has been instructed to make a further démarche to the Ethiopian government, in view of the urgency of the situation.

Canadian assistance to Ethiopia in the past year totals approximately \$68 million.

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