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ITALIAN EARTHQUAKE RELIEF

The Secretary of State for External Affairs, Dr. Mark MacGuigan, and the Minister of National Defence, the Honourable Gilles Lamontagne, announced today that the Canadian Government is in the process of airlifting a plane-load of emergency supplies from the Canadian Forces Base, Lahr, Germany, to Bari, in Southern Italy. The supplies include blankets, warm clothing and foodstuffs.

"From the latest list of specific needs communicated to us by the Italian Government last Friday, we were able to identify items available at the Canadian Forces Base, Lahr," the Ministers said. They added: "These supplies will help to meet the full requirements of the first emergency phase of operations in the earthquake-stricken area."

It will be recalled that the Minister of State for Multiculturalism, the Honourable James Fleming, had announced on November 20, on his own behalf and on behalf of Dr. MacGuigan, a Canadian Government contribution of \$1.8 million to Italy.