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CANADIAN RELIEF TO NIGERIA

The Secretary of State for External Affairs, the Honourable Mitchell Sharp, today announced that the Government has decided to respond to requests for further assistance by the agencies engaged in relief activities on both sides of the fighting lines in Nigeria. A sum of \$2,250,000 will be provided bringing to more than \$5,000,000 the amount contributed by Canada to relief since the outbreak of hostilities in Nigeria.

The funds are to be allocated as follows:

To the Canadian Red Cross \$750,000 to be disbursed as follows:

To the International Committee of the Red Cross in support of its continuing relief activities and medical services in Biafran-held territory	\$250,000
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To the Nigerian Red Cross for relief activities in Federally-controlled territory	\$500,000
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To CANAIRELIEF for the movement of relief supplies into Biafran-held territories	\$1,000,000
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To the Nigerian Rehabilitation Commission, to be used for relief activities	\$500,000
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A statement of the Government's position on the Nigerian conflict is attached.