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Canadian Pledges to the United Nations
Special Fund and to the United Nations Expanded Programme
for Technical Assistance

The Secretary of State for External Affairs, the Honourable Paul Martin, today announced that subject to Parliamentary approval, the Canadian Government intends to make contributions totalling \$9,500,000 to a combined programme for 1966 of the United Nations Special Fund and the United Nations Expanded Programme for Technical Assistance (EPTA). The Canadian pledge was announced in New York today by the Canadian Permanent Representative to the United Nations, Mr. Paul Tremblay, and is made in the expectation that these two programmes will be combined as now envisaged in the United Nations development Programme for pre-investment and technical assistance purposes during the current session of the General Assembly. It shows an increase of \$2,200,000 over the 1965 total contribution to these two programmes of \$7,300,000.

The Special Fund's pre-investment technical assistance programme is designed (a) to bring to light the development possibilities of natural resources in developing countries; (b) to train local people in the knowledge and skills required to make those resources productive; and (c) to strengthen institutions in

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