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CANADA MAKES CONTRIBUTION TO UNITED NATIONS
VOLUNTARY FUND FOR INDIGENOUS POPULATIONS

The Secretary of State for External Affairs, the Right Honourable Joe Clark, announced today that Canada had made a contribution of \$ 35,000.00 to the United Nations Voluntary Fund for Indigenous Populations. The Canadian contribution follows an initial one made in 1988. Canada is one of the largest donors to the U.N. Voluntary Fund which reached \$ 100,000 in 1988.

The purpose of the Fund is to assist representatives of indigenous communities and organizations to participate in the deliberations of the U.N. Working Group on Indigenous Populations which meets in Geneva. The Fund provides assistance to groups which would otherwise be unable to attend sessions of the Working Group. The aim is to contribute to a deeper knowledge, on the part of the Working Group, of the problems affecting indigenous populations and to secure a broad geographical representation from throughout the world at the sessions of the Working Group.

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