

This progress report on Canada's Food Aid Programme seeks to inform the House of Commons of the detailed food aid allocations for the fiscal year 1975-76 recently approved by the Hon. Allan J. MacEachen, Secretary of State for External Affairs and Minister responsible for the Canadian International Development Agency. The report also provides up-to-date information on the government of Canada's continuing efforts to implement the pledges and commitments announced by Mr. MacEachen and his colleague the Minister of Agriculture, the Hon. Eugene Whelan, at the World Food Conference in Rome, in the Fall of 1974.

The food aid allocations for 1975-76 will amount to \$280 million, an increase of 41.4 per cent over 1974-75. These allocations have been prepared by the Canadian International Development Agency, in close cooperation with the Department of Agriculture, following a thorough assessment of the world food situation based on the most recent economic and technical data available. Canadian funds and foodstuff will be provided for the World Food Programme (WFP) and two other United Nations agencies. In addition, substantial allocations will be available, on a bilateral basis, for the Sahel and Indochina regions and at least 6 other countries where food shortages are the most acute.

The House will recall that five months have elapsed since the end of the World Food Conference in Rome, a conference called to seek the elimination of man's oldest scourge: hunger. Much work has been done, in developed countries, in developing countries, and in international agencies, to implement the World Plan of Action approved there by representatives of both rich and poor countries. An assessment of the work that has gone on at many levels gives some indication that the international community has not only recognized and identified the full