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The Secretary of State for External Affairs, the Honourable Paul Martin, announced today that his Parliamentary Secretary, Dr. Stanley Haidasz, will head the Canadian delegation to the meeting of the Intergovernmental Committee of the UN/F.A.O. World Food Programme which is being held at Geneva July 6 - 11.

The World Food Programme began operations on January 1, 1963 with total pledges in cash and commodities of about \$90 million of which \$5 million was pledged by Canada. It is a three year experimental programme designed to meet emergency food needs; to assist in school and pre-school feeding; and to implement pilot projects using food as an aid to economic and social development. This meeting comes at the mid-point of the programme and will provide a useful opportunity for reviewing progress to date.

Following this meeting Dr. Haidasz, accompanied by Mrs. Haidasz, will visit Poland where he will attend the celebration of the 600th anniversary of the founding of Jagiellon University in Cracow.