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CANADA ANNOUNCES NEW ASSISTANCE FOR JAMAICA

On the occasion of his meeting today with Prime Minister Edward Seaga of Jamaica, the Secretary of State for External Affairs, Dr. Mark MacGuigan, informed him that Canada will provide at least \$3 million additional government-to-government assistance to Jamaica in 1981. This assistance would be additional to the nearly \$7 million regular Canadian bilateral development assistance in 1980-81.

Dr. MacGuigan also indicated to Prime Minister Seaga that:

- (a) Canada intends to increase its regular programmed bilateral development assistance to \$8 million in 1981-82;
- (b) Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA) officials would discuss a second \$10 million development line of credit for the agricultural sector with a major portion of disbursements in 1981-82 and 1982-83;
- (c) CIDA would send a major planning mission to Jamaica next month to develop a longer-term development assistance programme consistent with the economic recovery programme being discussed with the International Monetary Fund (IMF) and the priorities established by the Government of Jamaica;
- (d) Under CIDA's Industrial Co-operation Programme \$247,000 has been allocated to a Canadian firm, CEDSI Inc. (Canadian Energy Development Systems International), to collaborate with the Jamaican Ministry