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The Canadian Government's contribution of \$650,000 to the United Nations Children's Fund for the year 1956, subject to parliamentary approval, was announced today in New York by the Canadian Delegation to the 10th Session of the General Assembly. The announcement was made in the Third (Social) Committee of the Assembly which was considering the Annual Report of the Economic and Social Council to which the Fund reports each year.

The Canadian Government has already contributed \$9,375,000 to the Fund since its establishment. In addition, voluntary contributions from individuals in Canada of approximately \$1,500,000 have been sent to the Fund.

UNICEF was created in 1947 under the name of the United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund in order to help children from war-devastated countries. In 1950 the Fund was authorized to undertake for a period of three years ending December 31, 1953, long-range welfare projects for needy children in under-developed countries. On October 8, 1953, the General Assembly provided by an unanimous vote for the continuation of the Fund for a indefinite period.

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