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UNITED NATIONS DAY MESSAGE

The Secretary of State for External Affairs, the Honorable Mitchell Sharp, today sent the following message on behalf of the Canadian Government to the Secretary-General of the United Nations.

"On behalf of the Canadian Government I wish to express the Canadian people's warmest wishes to you and to all the staff members of the United Nations and its affiliated organizations on this, the 24th anniversary of the creation of the United Nations.

This moment is most appropriate to reaffirm the faith of the Canadian Government and people in the work of the United Nations, to recall the contribution of the United Nations towards the maintenance of world peace and security, and to pause to consider the future role of the United Nations in vital fields of human concern.

The world's peoples have come increasingly to realize the importance and utility of the organization as an instrument for harmonizing the actions of nations to promote social progress, respect for human rights and economic development.

We in Canada have full confidence that the United Nations can and will play an effective role in the search for improvement in the life of all mankind. We acknowledge our obligations as a member of the United Nations, and, under your wise guidance, will seek to fulfil these aims.

On this occasion, I wish once more to pay tribute to the leadership and example you have shown as Secretary-General, and to pledge Canada's wholehearted support to the United Nations, its charter and its commitment to humanity. Mitchell Sharp."