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CANADA ANNOUNCES AID TO PERU

The Secretary of State for External Affairs, the Right Honourable Joe Clark, and the Minister for External Relations and International Development, the Honourable Monique Landry, today announced that Canada is contributing \$ 1.25 million for victims of the recent earthquake and the prolonged drought in Peru.

"Canada will help alleviate the severe hardship facing the people of Peru, particularly the poorest," stated Mr. Clark, in responding to an appeal for assistance to Peru from the Secretary General of the United Nations.

The Canadian assistance, provided by the Canadian International Development Agency, will include \$ 1.0 million in the form of edible oil, which will be added to Canada's current food aid shipments to Peru. This additional food aid will be channelled through the Emergency Program of CARITAS, a Catholic aid organization.

Minister Landry added that Canada will also provide \$ 250,000 for victims of the drought. "Of this amount, \$ 150,000 will be administered by the Centre Canadien d'Étude et de Coopération Internationale (CECI), a Canadian Non-Governmental Organization, to assist small farmers in the southern mountain region which is one of the least developed areas of Peru and an area most affected by the drought," said Mrs. Landry. The balance of this humanitarian assistance will be administered by the Pan-American Health Organization and targeted at the poorest families in the affected areas.

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