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The views of my country on this subject prompted my Delegation to take a lead in consulting with a number of other Delegations in order to ensure that the mandate of the Office would be renewed beyond January 1, 1964, for a further period of five years along the same lines as before and with similar terms of reference. My distinguished colleagues in the Assembly, here, will be aware that the draft resolution which was tabled by the Canadian Delegation in company of 14 other delegations and which was later co-sponsored by 12 more delegations was approved recently by the Third Committee.

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Having taken such a decision it is therefore logical that the members of this distinguished Assembly would wish to provide the Office of the High Commissioner for Refugees with the funds necessary to the pursuit of his objectives. The Canadian Government is therefore proud to contribute once more to this humanitarian project and to pledge, subject to Parliamentary approval, a contribution of TWO HUNDRED AND NINETY THOUSAND CANADIAN DOLLARS to the Programme.

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It is the hope of the Canadian people that this contribution may lighten the burden of the refugees who are now under the care of the High Commissioner. It is also their hope that the action of this Assembly in renewing the mandate of the High Commissioner's Office and in promoting this pledging Conference will bring to these refugees a ray of hope which will make their lives more bearable and will augur better days for their future.