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Statement by Mrs. Jean Casselman, M.P., to  
the General Assembly Pledging Conference  
for Extra-Budgetary Funds on Canada's  
Contributions to UNRWA.

Mr. President,

In his annual report to the Director of UNRWA, Dr. John H. Davis, has outlined for us a number of the projects in which his organization is engaged, including the special programme to provide more educational opportunities and vocational training for the children of the Palestinian refugees. In addition to its basic relief operation, UNRWA has already done a great deal in this other field, - and done it very well indeed - and, in the opinion of my delegation the Director and his staff are to be commended for their very considerable achievements. The Palestinian refugee problem is an exceedingly complex one which has been with us for some years, and the Director's programme to give the young refugees the necessary training to enable them to help themselves, deserves our support. To acquire the skill, not only to provide for one's own livelihood, but also to enable one to make a useful contribution to the welfare of others, is in itself a worthy accomplishment.

The task of supplying even the basic necessities of life for more than a million refugees is not an easy one. We must not, however, lose sight of the fact that all refugee problems are essentially humanitarian problems, and as such they merit from each of us, not only sympathy and understanding, but whatever assistance we may in our present circumstances be able to afford them.

1. The purpose of this document is to provide a comprehensive overview of the current status of the project and to identify the key areas that require attention.

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2. The project has made significant progress since the last meeting, with several key milestones being achieved. However, there are still a number of challenges that need to be addressed in order to ensure the successful completion of the project.

3. The primary focus of the current phase is to complete the development of the core system components. This involves a number of complex tasks, including the design and implementation of the data management system and the integration of the various subsystems.

4. In addition to the development work, it is also necessary to conduct thorough testing and validation of the system. This will ensure that the system meets all of the requirements and is able to handle the expected load of users and data.

5. The project team is currently working on a number of key tasks, including the completion of the system architecture, the development of the user interface, and the implementation of the security protocols. It is expected that the system will be ready for testing by the end of the month.

6. The project is currently on track and it is expected that the system will be completed by the end of the year. However, it is important to continue to monitor the progress and to address any issues that arise as soon as possible.

7. The project team is committed to ensuring the highest quality of the system and to providing excellent customer service. We will continue to work hard to meet all of the requirements and to ensure that the system is delivered on time and within budget.

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With the above factors in mind the Government of Canada has decided, subject to Parliamentary approval, to contribute in 1962 to UNRWA, \$500,000 Canadian and a further \$500,000 Canadian in the form of wheat flour.

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