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STATEMENT BY H.E. MR. JEAN CHAPDELAINE, REPRESENTATIVE OF CANADA. ON DECEMBER 9, 1963.

1963 UNITED NATIONS CONFERENCE FOR THE ANNOUNCEMENT OF EXTRA-BUDGETARY CONTRIBU-TIONS TO THE UNITED NATIONS RELIEF AND WORKS AGENCY FOR PALESTINE REFUGEES IN THE NEAR EAST

Mr. President,

On behalf of the Canadian Delegation, I wish to congratulate you on your election as President of the 1963

Conference for the announcement of extra-budgetary contributions to the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine

Refugees in the Near East.

There is no need to dwell on the valuable and highly humanitarian task carried out by the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East under the direction, during the past five years, of Dr. John H. Davis, its Commissioner General. The report before us, like those of the past years, shows the importance of the task accomplished. It indicates the emphasis placed on programmes of education and vocational training in the activities which were carried out by the staff of the Agency under the able guidance of Dr. Davis. My Government and my Delegation were particularly improceed by the report's statistics concerning teacher training and the increase in the number of teachers. From 600 in 1959-60, the latter reached 4,500 during the present year when training centres were operating on a full scale. We have supported the belief of Dr. Davis in the importance of the educational work of UNRWA.

This year's report will be the last submitted to us by Dr. Davis. On behalf of my Government, I wish to thank him for the devotion and imagination as well as for the vigour he has shown in the exercise of his functions as Commissioner General.

We were constantly impressed, if not surprised, by his ability to put to the best possible use every dollar contributed to the Agency. Under his administration, UNRWA has carried out its task in a manner which deserves our unanimous tribute. We present our best wishes to Dr. Davis for the success of his new undertakings.

With regard to UNRWA itself, we should like to reiterate here the support of the Government and the people of Canada for the essential work which is being carried out by the Agency. We trust that Mr. Michelmore will bring to the execution of his task all the qualities he has demonstrated at the United Nations, thereby maintaining the high standards fixed by Dr. Davis and his team.

My Government is pledging for the year 1964 the sum of 500,000 Canadian dollars to the budget of UNRWA, subject to the approval of the Canadian Parliament. My Government also intends to make a special gift of \$500,000 worth of wheat flour. In 1964, the total contribution of Canada to UNRWA will therefore amount to one million Canadian dollars in cash and in kind.

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