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REVIEW OF THE MEMDERSHIP OF THE UNITED NATIONS REFUGEE FUND (UNREF) EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Note by the Secretary-General

In accordance with Council resolution 565 (XIX), the membership of the UNREF Executive Committee is subject to review by the Council at its twenty-third session.

In this connexion, the Secretary-General calls to the attention of the Council, at the request of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, the following extract from the report of the Executive Committee on its fourth session (document A/AC.79/60):

"Membership of the UNREF Executive Committee

118. The Representative of Australia drew attention to the fact that according to resolution 565 (XIX) adopted by the Economic and Social Council at its nineteenth session the membership of the Executive Committee was subject to review at the twenty-third session of the Council. In this connexion he proposed that the Government of Canada should be added to the members of the Committee. The demonstrated interest of Canada in the solution of refugee problems and the contribution that it had made towards the settlement of refugees made Canada admirably suitable to serve on the Committee.

119. The Committee unanimously supported the proposal, whereupon the Observer for Canada expressed the thanks of his Government and its willingness to be proposed as a member of the Executive Committee.

120. The High Commissioner welcomed the suggestion and undertook to transmit it to the Economic and Social Council at its twenty-third session."

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