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AUSTRALIAN HELP FOR ITALIAN FLOOD RESTORATION

Statement by the Prime Minister, Mr. Harold Holt

The Commonwealth Government will provide an amount of \$30,000 to assist in restoration work made necessary by the disastrous floods in Italy last year.

Australia will undertake the restoration of one room in the National Library of Italy in Florence together with its contents which were extensively damaged.

The services of a restoration expert will also be provided to help restore paintings damaged in the floods.

In this way, Australia will be playing its part in helping to preserve the cultural heritage not only of Italy but of Western civilization.

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