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SPECIAL CONTRIBUTION TO UNHCR'S RESETTLEMENT
PROGRAMME FOR STATELESS UGANDAN ASIANS

Refugees

The Minister for Foreign Affairs, Mr E.G. Whitlam, announced today that Australia would be making a special contribution of \$US75,000 (\$A63,000) to the United Nations High Commission for Refugees (UNHCR).

Mr Whitlam said the contribution is in response to an international appeal by the High Commissioner for Refugees and is intended to help meet the costs in the transportation, care and maintenance and resettlement of the 3,600 stateless Asians now in transit camps in Europe after being expelled from Uganda last month.

Mr Whitlam said the contribution supplements an amount of \$US60,000 (\$A50,000) given in November to assist the movement of displaced persons from Uganda and brings to \$US135,000 (\$A113,000) the total assistance from Australia to the resettlement programmes organized by international agencies.