



PROCLAMATION

More than a billion of our fellow men, women and children are currently subjected to the abject and dehumanizing conditions of extreme poverty. Traditionally, engineers pledge to make an effort to take into account social and environmental consequences and help others help themselves. Now is the time for Western Engineering to join with other Canadians, and citizens of the world, to help make poverty history.

Whereas: At a cost of 0.7 percent of our national income, such measures as fair trade, debt relief, fighting corruption and directing additional resources for basic needs: education, health, clean water, food, and care for orphans – would transform the futures and hopes of an entire generation in the poorest countries; and

Whereas: At the 2000 UN Millennium Summit, 189 Heads of State and government from the North and South, signed the Millennium Declaration and established the Millennium Development Goals, with the urgent mission to "free our fellow men, women and children from the abject and dehumanizing conditions of extreme poverty, to which more than a billion of them are currently subjected;" and

Whereas: At the start of 2005, one million Canadian children, or nearly one in six, are still poor;

I, Dr. Franco Berruti, Dean of the Faculty of Engineering at The University of Western Ontario, do hereby proclaim **Saturday, November 26, 2005 through Friday, December 2, 2005** as **"Make Poverty History Week,"** to draw attention to the Millennium Development Goals, so that students, faculty, staff and others can learn and speak out about this critical issue and take action.

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