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2. to dedicate most of the funding provided in the Canadian Housing Strategy to social housing, especially to renovate private units in poor condition and convert them into cooperatives or non-profit housing;

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