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## CANADA-NETHERLANDS AIR AGREEMENT

The Right Honourable Joe Clark, Secretary of State for External Affairs, and the Honourable Benoît Bouchard, Minister of Transport, announced today that Canada has reached a new bilateral air transport agreement with The Netherlands. The announcement was made on the last day of the official visit to Canada of Her Majesty Queen Beatrix of The Netherlands.

The new air agreement expands the agreement reached in 1985. The Netherlands airline KLM will now be able to serve Ottawa and Halifax in addition to existing services to Vancouver, Calgary, Toronto and Montreal.

Canadian Airlines International now serves Amsterdam from Vancouver, Edmonton, Calgary, Toronto, Montreal and Halifax. The airline also operates beyond Amsterdam to Rome, Milan and Frankfurt and will add Munich in the autumn of this year. Canadian plans further expansion of its services beyond Amsterdam to other European destinations and to Asia.

The revised agreement will enable Canada to designate in the future a second Canadian airline to operate scheduled services to The Netherlands and beyond. The Netherlands will have a similar right.

Both Ministers expressed satisfaction that the excellent relations between Canada and The Netherlands will be further enhanced by the revised air agreement.