

representations were made to us by the Spanish Ambassador in London in August of this year. We agreed at the time to the appointment of a new Spanish Consul-General in Montreal, but maintained the position previously taken that the Canadian Government would not be prepared to receive a diplomatic mission from the Spanish Government.

The fact, of course, is that as a member of the United Nations, the Assembly of which has made clear its disapproval of the present Spanish regime, we could not think, at the present time, of taking any step which could be construed as constituting any special or additional recognition of the present Spanish Government. Although we have not said so in as many words, I do not suppose that the Spaniards are unaware of this aspect of the case, which has been emphasized by the recent Assembly resolution recommending that those members of the United Nations which have ambassadors or ministers in Madrid should withdraw them.

I am sending copies of this correspondence to the Dominions Office and to the Foreign Office, as we had been keeping them informed of the developments in connection with the Spanish desire to establish direct diplomatic relations with Canada. The matter has already been discussed informally with the Foreign Office who agree with our response to the views of Señor Navasques. We should be grateful if you could ask your Representatives in Madrid to make clear to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs our views on this matter.

Yours sincerely,

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*Le sous-ministre du Revenu national (Douanes et Accise)  
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*Deputy Minister of National Revenue (Customs and Excise)  
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Ottawa, February 13, 1946

Dear Mr. Robertson,

RE SYRIA AND LEBANON

Products of Syria and Lebanon were accorded the treatment provided in the Canada-France Trade Agreement, vide Section 3 of the Canada-France Trade Agreement Act 1933, and Article 14 of the Trade Agreement.<sup>1</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Voir Canada, *Recueil des traités*, 1936, N° 18.

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