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## CANADA PAYS 1988 CONTRIBUTION TO THE IICA

The Department of External Affairs announced today that Mr. Richard Gorham, Canada's Roving Ambassador to Latin America and Ambassador, Permanent Observer to the Organization of American States (OAS), presented a cheque for US \$1.3 million on behalf of the Canadian Government to Mr. Ernani Fiori, Director and Representative in Canada of the Inter-American Institute for Cooperation on Agriculture (IICA).

The presentation which took place on Thursday, January 14 in Ottawa, where IICA maintains an office, represents Canada's membership fee for 1988.

Canada is a full member of IICA, a specialized agency of the OAS. It was founded in 1942 for the purpose of encouraging and supporting the efforts of Member States to attain agricultural development and well-being for their rural populations.

Mr. Gorham was appointed Roving Ambassador December 15, 1987 by the Right Honourable Joe Clark, Secretary of State for External Affairs, in order to further develop and reinforce Canada's relations with the countries of Latin America.

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