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The Secretary of State for External Affairs, the Honourable Paul Martin, today announced that Canadians who have property and financial claims outstanding against Bulgaria should now submit details of their claims to the Department of External Affairs. These claims should be submitted before February 1, 1965, in order that they may be considered with a view to forthcoming negotiations between Canada and Bulgaria towards a settlement of outstanding claims. The Canadian and Bulgarian Governments have agreed to commence negotiations in the near future with a view to a settlement of claims of Canadian citizens outstanding against Bulgaria.

Further details, together with forms and instructions on the procedure to be followed to register claims with the Department for this purpose, will be sent upon application to the Claims Section of the Department of External Affairs, Ottawa. Persons who have already submitted information concerning their claims against Bulgaria to the Department of External Affairs will shortly be receiving the relevant forms by mail.

In accordance with well established international rules and practice in this field, claims of persons who were not Canadians at the time of loss cannot be included in the proposed negotiations towards a settlement.

Detailed claims discussions with the Bulgarian Government are expected to commence shortly after the expiry of the February 1, 1965 deadline for the submission of claims.