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The Secretary of State for External Affairs, the Hon. Paul Martin, announced today the donation by Canada of a painting by the Montreal artist Jean McEwen to the Pan American Health Organization. The painting will be hung in the Organization's new headquarters building. The gift will be handed over by the Minister of National Health and Welfare, the Hon. Judy LaMarsh, who is attending the inauguration ceremonies in Wasnington today.

The Pan American Health Organization was established in 1902 as the Pan American Sanitary Bureau and this is the name still used by its Secretariat. The Pan American Health Organization is a Specialized Organization of the Organization of American States and is also the regional agency for the World Health Organization. Canada maintains its association with PAHO as a member of LHO.