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## CANADA/MEXICO TREATY ON TRANSFER OF PRISONERS RATIFIED

Secretary of State for External Affairs, Don Jamieson, and Solicitor General, Jean-Jacques Blais, announced that Canada and Mexico today exchanged instruments of ratification in Mexico City on the Treaty on the Execution of Penal Sentences which was signed at Ottawa on November 22, 1977. The Protocol of exchange was signed on behalf of Canada by James C. Langley, Canadian Ambassador to Mexico, and on behalf of Mexico by Santiago Roel Garcia, Minister of Foreign Affairs. The Treaty comes into force 30 days after the exchange of the instruments of ratification.

Under the Treaty, nationals who so desire would serve their sentences in their countries of origin. The transfer of persons under sentence would take place only after all rights of appeal had been exhausted in the sentencing country. No transfer would be initiated without the consent of the individual concerned and would be subject to approval by both countries.

The Ministry of the Solicitor General is responsible for implementation of the arrangements under the Treaty. Canadian and Mexican officials are co-operating to implement the transfer of offenders as soon as possible.

At present there are thirteen Canadians incarcerated in Mexican prisons.

