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VANCOUVER-TAIPEI SCHEDULED AIR SERVICES

The Secretary of State for External Affairs, the Honourable Barbara McDougall, and the Minister of Transport, the Honourable Jean Corbeil, announced today that the Canadian government has approved a request from Canadian Airlines International and its joint venture partner, Mandarin Airlines, to establish reciprocal Vancouver-Taipei air services.

The decision has been made within the context of Canada's one-China policy, which recognizes the Government of the People's Republic of China as the sole legal government of China, and takes note of the Chinese government's position that Taiwan is an inalienable part of the territory of the People's Republic of China. There is no change to the Canadian government's commitment to the 1970 Joint Communiqué that established relations between Canada and China.

As there can be no official relations or contacts or bilateral agreements with the authorities in Taipei under the one-China policy, Canadian Airlines International's and Mandarin Airlines' commercial air transportation arrangement is unofficial in nature. It has been authorized in accordance with special provisions under Canadian legislation.

Canada has informed the Government of the People's Republic of China of developments on the air services issue. In accordance with Canada's one-China policy, China Airlines will not be allowed to operate the air service. Aircraft and personnel providing the service will not use the flags, insignia, uniforms and liveries associated with an official carrier.