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CANADA PAYS 1989 CONTRIBUTION TO THE IICA

The Department of External Affairs announced today that Mr. Richard Gorham, Canada's Roving Ambassador for Latin America and Ambassador, Permanent Observer to the Organization of American States (OAS), presented a cheque for U.S. \$1.45 million, representing Canada's membership fee for 1989, to Mr. Ernani Fiori, Director and Representative in Canada of the Inter-American Institute for Cooperation on Agriculture (IICA).

The presentation took place on Tuesday, March 28 in Ottawa, where IICA maintains an office.

IICA, a specialized agency of the OAS, was founded in 1942 for the purpose of encouraging and supporting the efforts of Member States to pursue agricultural development and the well-being of their rural populations. Canada became a full member in 1972 and the Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA) is currently providing development assistance through IICA in the amount of \$4.5 million over four years.

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