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The Department of External Affairs announced today that Canada, Australia and New Zealand were associated with further United Kingdom notes delivered yesterday to the Governments of Hungary and Roumania in connection with the dispute which has arisen concerning the interpretation and execution of the clauses of the peace treaties which provide for the protection of fundamental human rights.

The notes addressed to Hungary and Roumania recall the treaty provision that any dispute about the execution of the treaty which is not resolved within a period of two months by the Heads of Mission of the United Kingdom, United States and U.S.S.R. in the capital of the country concerned should be referred at the request of either party to a commission composed of one representative of each party and a third member to be selected by mutual agreement of the two parties from nationals of a third country, unless the parties to the dispute mutually agree upon another means of settlement. Since the Soviet Government, in spite of the provisions of the treaty, have not authorized their representatives in Budapest and Bucharest to join their British and United States colleagues in considering the disputes, the United Kingdom Government requests that the disputes be referred to commissions constituted in accordance with the treaties and invites the Hungarian and Roumanian Governments to join with the United Kingdom Government in appointing the necessary commissions.

As Canada is not a signatory of the peace treaty with Bulgaria it is not associated with a similar United Kingdom note to the Bulgarian Government.

The United States is taking parallel action with respect to the three Balkan Governments.

The text of the notes is attached.