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## BEATTY ANNOUNCES CO-LOCATION ARRANGEMENT WITH AUSTRALIA

External Affairs Minister Perrin Beatty today announced a co-location arrangement with Australia in Canada's High Commission in Bridgetown, Barbados. Australian personnel will move into their new premises in the Canadian High Commission in early 1994. Both governments will benefit from the arrangement through more cost-effective diplomatic representation and delivery of services abroad.

"The co-location agreement underscores the close bilateral relationship between Canada and Australia. Such mutually beneficial arrangements are concrete examples of governments working together to reduce costs of diplomatic representation abroad," said Mr. Beatty.

Earlier this year, staffing levels at Canada's High Commission in Barbados were reduced as part of a government-wide restraint. As a result, excess space became available for use by the Australian High Commission. Both countries are working toward similar co-location arrangements in other countries. While several European countries have experience with co-location of their missions abroad, this is an important step for both Canada and Australia.

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