

SUMMARY RECORD OF THE
NETHERLANDS/CANADA CULTURAL CONSULTATIONS
OTTAWA

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The Netherlands/Canada Cultural Consultations were held in Ottawa on October 21 and 22, 1986.

The Netherlands delegation was headed by Mr. Maarten Mourik, Ambassador for International Cultural Cooperation, Ministry of Foreign Affairs. The Canadian delegation was headed by Mr. Peter Walker, Director General, Western Europe Branch. The lists of members of both delegations are attached.

The Head of the Canadian delegation opened consultations with words of welcome. He noted the cultural activities carried out by both sides since the last cultural consultations in October 1984, mentioning in particular the success of Canada's participation to the 1985 Holland Festival which is still benefitting Canadian artists. As a result of the wide exposure given to Canadian artists during the 1985 Holland Festival, the Netherlands are becoming the gateway to Europe for those artists. The Canadian side acknowledges the generous contribution of the Netherlands' Ministry of Culture which made it possible for those artists to produce themselves in the Netherlands. They are now returning to the Netherlands on a regular basis.

In turn, the Head of the Netherlands delegation answered the words of welcome. He also noted cultural activities and gave an overview of the Netherlands international cultural policy which plays an important role in their overall policy.

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