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The Governments of Canada and Bolivia have concluded an agreement to permit amateur radio stations in the two countries, subject to certain conditions, to exchange messages or other communications from or to third parties. These conditions are that the amateur stations should be paid no direct or indirect compensation and that messages should be of a technical or personal nature, where recourse to public telecommunications services would not be justified.

Canadian radio amateurs are at present authorized to communicate with radio amateurs throughout the world in compliance with the International Radio Regulations of the International Telecommunications Union and with the Radio Act and Regulations of Canada, provided that communications are made in plain language and limited to messages of a technical nature. Radio amateurs generally are not permitted to use their stations for communications on behalf of third parties. However, the International Radio Regulations recognize that countries may conclude special agreements to permit amateurs of the countries concerned to exchange telecommunications.

The agreement between Canada and Bolivia was concluded in La Paz by an Exchange of Notes on May 31 between the Bolivian Foreign Minister, Dr. José Fellmann Velarde, and the Canadian Ambassador to Bolivia, Mr. Freeman Tovell. This is the eighth agreement of this type to which Canada is signatory, the others having been concluded with the United States, Venezuela, Costa Rica, Honduras, Mexico, Chile and El Salvador. The Canadian Government is at present negotiating similar agreements with a number of other countries.