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North Atlantic Treaty Organization

MINISTERIAL MEETING, 1970

FROM December 2 to 4, 1970, the foreign and defence ministers of members of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization convened in Brussels for their annual joint meeting. The Secretary of State for External Affairs, the Honourable Mitchell Sharp, and the Minister of National Defence, the Honourable Donald S. Macdonald, represented Canada.

Before the beginning of the meeting, Mr. Sharp addressed the Union of Foreign Journalists in Belgium and spoke of Canada's present policy towards the North Atlantic Treaty Organization. "Canada", he said, "has just completed a fundamental review of foreign policy, begun over two years ago. One of the questions that had to be faced and settled early in the review was our membership in NATO and related questions of force contributions in Europe. The result was that Canada is — and will remain — a fully committed member of the North Atlantic alliance. Canada's security is inextricably bound up with



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In attendance at a session of the ministerial meeting of NATO held in Brussels from December 2 to 4, 1970 (left to right): the Honourable Donald Macdonald, Canada's Minister of National Defence; the Honourable Mitchell Sharp, Canadian Secretary of State for External Affairs; and Mr. Ross Campbell, Permanent Representative of Canada to NATO.