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SIGNATURE OF AN EXTRADITION TREATY
BETWEEN CANADA AND THE PHILIPPINES

The Secretary of State for External Affairs, the Right Honourable Joe Clark and the Foreign Secretary of the Republic of the Philippines, His Excellency Raul Manglapus, today signed an Extradition Treaty between Canada and the Philippines.

The Extradition Treaty is designed to improve cooperation in criminal matters between Canada and the Philippines. It follows a modern approach to such treaties, whereby extradition is not limited to a list of offences set out in the treaty, but may be granted for conduct punishable under the laws of both countries by imprisonment of at least one year. In addition, the treaty facilitates the gathering and presentation of evidence in support of an extradition request, while at the same time protecting individual rights.

Offences against aircraft or involving the use of automatic firearms, as well as other acts of a terrorist nature, have specifically been made subject to extradition under the terms of the agreement.

The treaty will, upon ratification, provide the means for more effective cooperation between Canada and the Philippines in the battle against crime, in particular terrorism and drug trafficking.

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