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CANADA-INDIA AIR AGREEMENT

The Minister of Transport, the Honourable Jean-Luc Pepin, and the Secretary of State for External Affairs, the Honourable Mark MacGuigan, announced today that delegations of India and Canada initialled a bilateral Air Services Agreement which will allow direct flights to be introduced between the two countries. The Agreement, which remains subject to final approval of both governments, is expected to be signed in the near future, probably in New Delhi.

The terms of the new Agreement will permit Air India to introduce direct services from India via Europe to Montreal and Air Canada to introduce direct services from Canada via Europe to Bombay. Also covered by the accord is the possible introduction of all-cargo flights between Canada and India. Passenger flights and all-cargo operations by carriers of both countries will also be permitted to carry some traffic to and from third countries. Also envisaged in the Agreement is the eventual introduction of trans-Pacific services between India and the Canadian west coast, although details of these operations were left to be finalized at a later date.