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NEW AIR TRANSPORT AGREEMENTS REACHED WITH DENMARK, NORWAY AND SWEDEN

The Right Honourable Joe Clark, Secretary of State for External Affairs, and the Honourable Benoît Bouchard, Minister of Transport, announced today that Canada has reached new bilateral air transport agreements with Denmark, Norway and Sweden.

Canada negotiated the agreements in meetings held jointly with the three Scandinavian countries.

The new agreements provide Canada with expanded opportunities for scheduled air services via other European countries to Copenhagen, Oslo and Stockholm and beyond to other points in Europe. Canadian Airlines International, the Canadian designated airline, will begin services from Toronto via Amsterdam to Copenhagen in June.

Scandinavian Airlines System, the jointly held airline of Denmark, Norway and Sweden, will gain access to Toronto in addition to the existing right to serve Montreal. The airline may combine services to Canada with services to two cities in the United States. Scandinavian Airlines System plans to begin services to Toronto from Copenhagen in June.

The agreements also provide reciprocal rights for scheduled all-cargo services.

Mr. Clark stated "I am pleased that the new agreements will result in the re-establishment of air services between Canada and Scandinavia." Mr. Bouchard also welcomed the agreements, noting that the travelling public will receive immediate benefits from the introduction of new direct air services this summer.

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