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The Secretary of State for External Affairs, the Honourable Howard Green, today announced that the Government of Canada and the Imperial Government of Iran have decided to raise their respective legations to the status of embassies. The Iranian mission in Ottawa was established in December, 1955; the Canadian mission in Tehran, in November 1958.

Mr. Mahmoud Esfandiary, who presented his credentials as Iranian Minister to Canada in November, 1958, will be Iran's first Ambassador to Canada. The first Canadian Ambassador to Iran will be Mr. George Bernard Summers, Minister in Tehran since March, 1959.