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*The Italian Minister to Canada
to the Secretary of State for External Affairs*

LEGATION OF ITALY

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No. 1314

SIR,

I have the honour to refer to your note No. 46 of April 23, 1948, which reads as follows:

"Conforming to the desire of the Government of Italy and the Government of Canada to further extend and increase the flow of trade between their two countries, I have the pleasure to propose to Your Excellency, on behalf of the Canadian Government, the following Commercial *Modus Vivendi*:

1. Articles, the growth, produce or manufacture of Italy shall not, on importation into Canada, be subject to higher duties or charges than those levied or which may hereafter be levied on like articles, the growth, produce or manufacture of any other foreign country.

2. The advantages now accorded, which may hereafter be accorded by Canada exclusively to other territories under the sovereignty of His Majesty the King of Great Britain, Ireland, and the British Dominions beyond the Seas or under His Majesty's suzerainty, protection or mandate, shall be excepted from the operation of this agreement.

3. Articles, the growth, produce or manufacture of Canada shall not, on importation into Italy, be subject to higher duties or charges than those levied or which may hereafter be levied on like articles, the growth, produce or manufacture of any other foreign country.

4. Articles, the growth, produce or manufacture of either country imported into the other shall in no case be subject in matters concerning customs duties and subsidiary charges, or as regards the methods of levying such duties and the rules and formalities connected with importation, and with respect to the laws and regulations affecting the taxation, sale, distribution or use of imported goods, to any duties, taxes or charges other or higher, or to any rules for formalities other or more burdensome than those to which the like articles, the growth, produce or manufacture of any third country are or may hereafter be subject.

5. It is understood that the present Note and Your Excellency's reply will constitute an agreement between our two Governments continuing the most favoured nation treatment which became effective, on a reciprocal basis, on February 20, 1948, and which was the subject matter of my Note No. 20 to you of February 27, 1948. This *Modus Vivendi* will enter into force on the date of your reply, and shall remain in force for one year and thereafter shall remain in force subject to termination, by either Government at any time on giving three months' notice."

I have the honour to inform you that the Italian Government agrees with the proposal contained in the above mentioned Note, and that the aforesaid *Modus Vivendi* will therefore enter into force as from to-day.

Accept, Sir, the renewed assurances of my highest consideration.

C. di COSSATO