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Netherlands-Canada Committee of distinguished Dutch and Canadians was formed. HRH Princess Margriet generously accepted to become Patron of the Committee, and the former Prime Minister, Mr. Piet de Jong, Chair of the Committee of Honour.

The commemoration programme included a wide variety of important projects, open to corporate sponsorship, with a strong emphasis on youth, culture, and future cooperation between Dutch and Canadians. A sampling of these projects includes approximately twenty-three graduate-level scholarships for young Dutch and Canadians to study in each others' country, a Chair of Canadian Studies at Groningen University, an important pan-European conference on migration, and *The Netherlands-Canada 1995 Distinguished Lecture Series*.

Major exhibitions of Canadian contemporary art were held in several centres in the Netherlands, including *Notion of Conflict. A Selection of Contemporary Canadian Art*, an

important exhibition of eleven Canadian artists at the Stedelijk museum in Amsterdam. Works by the Canadian contemporary composer Claude Vivier were represented in a concert forming part of the 1995 Holland Festival.

It was clear to all those people who participated in the Netherlands-Canada Committee Programme that relations between Canadians and Dutch stand on a solid foundation for the future.