

Canadian Embassy



Ambassade du Canada

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Sir,

I have the honour to refer to the Exchange of Notes between our two Governments of October 28, 1980, and December 5, 1980, constituting an Agreement providing for coordination of the icebreaking activities of Canada and the United States on the Great Lakes - St. Lawrence Seaway System.

The Agreement entered into force on December 5, 1980. The 1980 Exchange of Notes provides that the Agreement shall remain in force for a period of ten years and may be renewed for additional periods of five years.

This Agreement has been beneficial to both countries, and has helped promote our shared objective of maintaining open routes for maritime commerce in ice-covered waters. Accordingly, I have the honour to propose that our two Governments agree to the continued coordination of the icebreaking activities of Canada and the United States on the Great Lakes, on the conditions set forth in the Annex to the 1980 Exchange of Notes.