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THE DEPARTMENT OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS ANNOUNCED THAT A CONVENTION BETWEEN CANADA AND INDIA CONCERNING THE PRIORITY OF PATENTS OF INVENTION WAS CONCLUDED IN OTTAWA TODAY.

THE HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR INDIA, HIS EXCELLENCY DR. M.A. RAUF, SIGNED ON BEHALF OF THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA AND THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS, MR. L.B. PEARSON, SIGNED ON BEHALF OF THE CANADIAN GOVERNMENT.

THE CONVENTION PROVIDES GENERALLY THAT CANADA AND INDIA WILL EXTEND RECIPROCALLY THE PROVISIONS OF EACH COUNTRY'S LEGISLATION WITH REGARD TO THE PROTECTION OF PATENTS TO CITIZENS OF THE OTHER CONTRACTING PARTY AND TO BODIES INCORPORATED OR REGISTERED UNDER ITS APPROPRIATE LEGISLATION. THUS THE BENEFITS OF THE CANADIAN PATENT ACT SHALL BE ENJOYED BY INDIAN CITIZENS AND INCORPORATED BODIES AND LIKEWISE THE BENEFITS OF THE INDIAN PATENTS AND DESIGNS ACT BY CANADIAN CITIZENS AND INCORPORATED BODIES.

THE CONVENTION SHALL COME INTO FORCE THREE MONTHS AFTER SIGNATURE, AT WHICH TIME THE APPROPRIATE NOTIFICATIONS CONCERNING THESE ARRANGEMENTS SHALL HAVE BEEN PUBLISHED RESPECTIVELY IN THE CANADA GAZETTE AND THE GAZETTE OF INDIA.