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CANADA-SPAIN BILATERAL AIR AGREEMENT REACHED

The Secretary of State for External Affairs, the Right Honourable Joe Clark, and the Minister of Transport, the Honourable John C. Crosbie, announced today that a bilateral air agreement has been reached between Canada and Spain.

Mr. Crosbie said the new agreement enables Canadian Pacific Air Lines to proceed with its plans to inaugurate a new service to Madrid from Toronto and Montreal via Lisbon as early as June 1987.

"This is the first time a Canadian airline will have served Madrid since Canadian Pacific suspended its services in 1976", Mr. Crosbie added.

Mr. Clark said that under a new air agreement, the first between the two countries, the Spanish airline Iberia will be able to continue its longstanding service from Madrid to Montreal and beyond to Mexico City.

"In the absence of a formal treaty, Iberia has been exercising its right under a temporary permit until now", said Mr. Clark.

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