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Renewal of Aircrew Training Agreement with Denmark

The Secretary of State for External Affairs, the Honourable Howard Green, announced today the renewal of the existing aircrew training agreement with Denmark. A formal exchange of notes took place this morning in Copenhagen between the Canadian Ambassador, Mr. J.B.C. Watkins, and the Danish Foreign Minister, Mr. J.O. Krag.

On April 17, 1957 notes were exchanged with the Government of Denmark to provide for the continuation for a reasonable time of limited Canadian training facilities for Danish aircrew students. This agreement, which was concluded as Canada's NATO Air Training Programme was reaching its completion, was aimed at assisting the Danish Government in making the transition to a suitable national training scheme.

The agreement provided that at some mutually convenient time during the third year thereof discussions would take place on a bilateral basis on the need or otherwise of extending it for a further period. Consultations to this end have been held with the Danish authorities during the last few months. As a result and on the basis of the request submitted by the Danish authorities, the Canadian Government has agreed to extend the present agreement for a further four year period beginning July 1, 1960. Training to "wings" standard will be provided annually to 45 student pilots from Denmark. A token payment of \$5,000 per student pilot entrant will be made by Denmark. Canadian costs will be defrayed under Canada's Mutual Aid Programme.
