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AIR TRANSPORT AGREEMENT

The Right Honourable Joe Clark, Secretary of State for External Affairs, and the Honourable Benoît Bouchard, Minister of Transport, today announced that Canada has signed a new Air Transport Agreement with the Netherlands.

The Honourable Benoît Bouchard signed the Agreement on behalf of Canada in a ceremony at the Ottawa International Airport today. Mrs. Neelie Smit-Kroes, Minister of Transport, and His Excellency Jan F. E. Breman, Ambassador to Canada, signed on behalf of the Netherlands.

Mr. Bouchard welcomed the new Agreement as one of Canada's most expansive bilateral air agreements. "I am especially pleased that seven Canadian cities will benefit from direct air services to Amsterdam". Mr. Clark also welcomed the Agreement: "This Treaty makes an important contribution to the already close relations between Canada and the Netherlands".

This Agreement will enable Canadian Airlines International to expand services to Amsterdam. Canadian serves that city from Vancouver, Edmonton, Calgary, Toronto and Halifax. Flights also continue on to five other European destinations.

As a result of the Agreement, Wardair International began services to the Netherlands on June 1 with flights from Vancouver, Edmonton and Toronto.

KLM Royal Dutch Airlines today inaugurated services to Ottawa and Halifax in addition to the airline's existing services to Vancouver, Calgary, Toronto and Montreal.