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The Secretary of State for External Affairs, the Honourable Howard Green, and the Minister of National Defence, the Honourable Douglas S. Harkness, announced today that through an exchange of Notes the Governments of Canada and Norway entered into an agreement for further training of a number of Norwegian pilots in Canada under the Canadian Mutual Aid Programme. The Notes were exchanged in Oslo by Mr. J.L.E. Couillard, Canadian Ambassador to Norway, and Mr. H. Lange, the Norwegian Foreign Minister.

On April 6, 1960 Notes were exchanged with the Government of Norway to provide for the continuation of the Aircrew Training Agreement with Norway which was initiated as part of Canada's NATO Air Training Programme. The Agreement provided that the Canadian Government would extend for a further four-year period the training to "Wings" standard for thirty student pilots and three student navigators from Norway each year beginning July 1, 1960.

At the request of the Norwegian Government the Canadian Government has now agreed to provide further training in fighter-type aircraft for up to thirty Norwegian pilots each year. This new Agreement will remain in force until July 1, 1964. Training will be conducted by the RCAF at Chatham, N.B.

As an extension of existing arrangements in the field of aircrew training this is the latest in the series of cooperative ventures made possible through the close bonds of friendship which exist between Canada and Norway within the framework of the North Atlantic Alliance.