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CANADA - PAKISTAN AIR AGREEMENT REACHED

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

Under the agreement, Pakistan International Airlines (PIA) gains landing rights at Toronto and will be able to operate passenger services to Montreal and Toronto. It is expected PIA will introduce service between Toronto and Karachi, via Frankfurt and New York in 1988.

"I am confident the establishment of regular flights between Toronto and Karachi will serve to strengthen cultural and economic ties between Canada and Pakistan", said Mr. Clark.

Air Canada will be entitled to operate passenger combination services from any point in Canada to Karachi and gains additional traffic rights to intermediate points in Europe and the Middle East and beyond Karachi to Singapore.

The addition of landing rights to Toronto under the revised bilateral will enable PIA to extend its New York service to Toronto.

"I am pleased that bilateral negotiations with Pakistan have been concluded and that we can expect scheduled air services to be inaugurated in the near future", said Mr. Crosbie.

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