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ISRAELI AIR NEGOTIATIONS

The Secretary of State for External Affairs, the Honourable Mitchell Sharp, announced today that delegations from Israel and Canada met in Ottawa September 24 and 25 to discuss proposals relating to a bilateral Air Transport Agreement to govern commercial scheduled air services between Canada and Israel.

The discussions took place in a friendly and cooperative atmosphere, and there was a useful exchange of views on the form which such an agreement might take. Whereas agreement in principle was reached in relation to a number of matters, the Heads of the two delegations agreed to give further thought to the proposals put forward by each side. It was agreed that further discussions would take place at the earliest possible date which would prove mutually satisfactory to the two Governments.

The Israeli delegation was headed by Mr. Naphtali Ben-Yehuda, Director of Civil Aviation for Israel, while the head of the Canadian delegation was Mr. Gerald Morisset, Chairman of the International Transport Policy Committee of the Canadian Transport Commission.