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## CANADA ACCEPTS A PROPOSAL FOR TECHNICAL CO-OPERATION WITH THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA

The Secretary of State for External Affairs, the Honourable Don Jamieson, announced today that Canada would be pleased to receive up to 500 Chinese students and technicians this year and possibly additional students in subsequent years, subject to the ability of Canadian universities, research institutes and industrial enterprises to accommodate them.

Mr. Jamieson informed the Foreign Minister of the People's Republic of China, Huang Hua, of the Canadian Government's decision when they had bilateral discussions at the United Nations on September 27, 1978.

This was in response to a request made by the Chinese Government early in August, that Canada accept 500 Chinese students to study a variety of disciplines in the field of science and technology. The Chinese Government has indicated that it was prepared to absorb all the costs for training such students and technicians in Canada. Similar proposals have been made by the Chinese Government to a number of other countries.

The provincial governments have been informally notified of the response made by the Canadian Government and further consultations will take place shortly on the implementation of the programme. The Canadian Government will also have discussions with the Chinese Government about the administrative arrangements necessary for developing such a programme of technical co-operation.