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## CANADA-ITALY EXTRADITION TREATY

The Secretary of State for External Affairs, Dr. Mark MacGuigan, signed today, subject to ratification, a new extradition treaty between Canada and Italy. The Italian Foreign Minister, Emilio Colombo, signed on behalf of Italy.

The treaty replaces and supersedes the treaty between Great Britain and Italy for the mutual surrender of fugitive criminals signed at Rome on February 5, 1873. In recent years, the Canadian government has instituted a policy for re-negotiating old treaties and concluding new treaties in the context of present-day requirements for crime prevention.

The treaty provides extradition for offences under the laws of both countries where a punishment of imprisonment of two years or more is imposed. It also includes drug offences. Extradition for offences of a political nature is excluded under the treaty. However, the murder, kidnapping, or attack on an internationally-protected person or premises is presumed not to be an offence of a political character.