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## CANADA MOVES TO INITIATE EXTRADITION TREATY WITH INDIA

On December 17, in New Delhi the Right Honourable Joe Clark, Secretary of State for External Affairs, handed to Foreign Minister Baghat of India, a draft extradition treaty and advised his Indian counterpart that Canada is willing to enter into negotiations at a mutually convenient time to conclude such a treaty between Canada and India. The draft document is similar in nature to existing extradition treaties which Canada has concluded with other countries in recent years.

Until recently, Canada could not extradite a person to India. Earlier this year, however, Canada unilaterally proclaimed Part II of the Extradition Act to be in effect with India from October 31, 1985. This proclamation permits extradition requests for offences committed after that date. Mr. Clark noted that the conclusion of an extradition treaty with India would enhance cooperation between the two countries in combatting terrorism and other criminal activities. The treaty, when ratified, would replace the interim extradition arrangement.

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