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COMMONWEALTH EDUCATION CONFERENCE

THE DEPARTMENT OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS TODAY ISSUED THE FOLLOWING ANNOUNCEMENT ON THE SUCCESSFUL CONCLUSION OF THE COMMONWEALTH EDUCATION CONFERENCE WHICH MET AT OXFORD, ENGLAND FROM JULY 15 TO 29.

THE CANADIAN DELEGATION HAS REPORTED FROM OXFORD THAT THE CONFERENCE WAS HIGHLY SUCCESSFUL AND THAT IT HAD AGREED TO ADOPT A COMMONWEALTH SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME ON THE LINES PROPOSED BY CANADA. AS AGREED AT OXFORD, THE SCHEME WILL HAVE AN OBJECTIVE OF 1,000 SCHOLARSHIPS AT ANY ONE TIME OF WHICH CANADA WILL PROVIDE 250.

CONFERENCE DISCUSSIONS ON THE SUPPLY AND TRAINING OF TEACHERS CENTERED ON THE SHORTAGE OF ADEQUATE FACILITIES IN ALL COMMONWEALTH COUNTRIES AND PARTICULARLY IN THE LESS DEVELOPED AREAS. IN THE LIGHT OF THE DISCUSSIONS AT OXFORD, THE CANADIAN DELEGATION ANNOUNCED THAT UNDER EXISTING TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAMMES CANADA WOULD MAKE AVAILABLE ABOUT DOLLARS 3 MILLION OVER THE NEXT FIVE YEARS TO TRAIN TEACHERS FROM OTHER COMMONWEALTH COUNTRIES IN CANADA AND TO SEND TO THOSE COUNTRIES QUALIFIED INDIVIDUAL CANADIAN TEACHERS OR TEAMS OF TEACHERS TO ASSIST WITH THE ESTABLISHMENT OR EXTENSION OF TEACHER TRAINING INSTITUTIONS. THIS ANNOUNCEMENT, TOGETHER WITH THE EARLIER ANNOUNCEMENT MADE JOINTLY BY THE LEADERS