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The Secretary of State for External Affairs announced today that Canada had accepted an invitation to become associated with the work of the Organization for European Economic Cooperation.

The invitation, received through the Canadian Ambassador in Paris, was contained in a letter dated June 7 addressed to the Minister from the Secretary-General of the OEEC. The Canadian Government's acceptance has now been communicated to the Secretary-General of the OEEC through the Canadian Ambassador in Paris.

Following is the text of the letter dated June 7, 1950, for the Secretary of State for External Affairs from the Secretary-General of the OEEC inviting Canada to associate with the work of the OEEC:

"I have the honour to inform you that the Council of the Organization for European Economic Cooperation at a meeting held at Ministerial level on 2nd June, 1950, have considered a proposal by the delegations of France and of the United Kingdom to give effect to the contents of a statement published in London on 18th May, 1950, by the Foreign Ministers of France, the United Kingdom, the United States of America and Canada, concerning the association on an informal basis of Canada and the United States with the work of the Organization.

"I am directed by the Council to inform Your Excellency that they have unanimously agreed to endorse this proposal. Accordingly, I am instructed to invite your Government and the Government of the United States to associate themselves, on an informal basis, with the work of this Organization in accordance with arrangements to be mutually discussed.

"I have the honour to request you to be good enough to bring this invitation to the attention of your Government."

The text of the reply sent on June 10 by Mr. Pearson through the Canadian Ambassador in Paris is as follows:

"The text of your letter of June 7 has been brought to the attention of the Canadian Government.

"I am directed to ask you to inform the Council of the Organization for European Economic Cooperation that the Government of Canada gladly accepts the invitation of the Council to associate, on an informal basis, with the work of the Organization in accordance with arrangements to be mutually discussed."