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Czech Claims Date Extended

The Honourable Paul Martin, Secretary of State for External Affairs, announced today that the deadline of September 1, 1967, for the registration of claims against Czechoslovakia has been extended to January 1, 1968, in response to requests from interested persons.

The Canadian and Czechoslovak Governments recently agreed to commence negotiations in the near future with a view to settlement of claims of Canadian citizens arising out of property nationalized or otherwise taken by the Czechoslovak Government. Mr. Martin accordingly issued a public announcement on May 11 of this year, inviting Canadians to submit details of their claims against Czechoslovakia to the Department of External Affairs, preparatory to the opening of these claims negotiations.

The deadline of September 1, 1967, for submission of such claims has now been extended to January 1, 1968, in order that persons with claims against Czechoslovakia may have time to obtain the necessary documentation and information for the submission of their claims. Statements of claims must be prepared in accordance with instructions and questionnaires available upon request addressed to the Claims Section of the Department of External Affairs.