



British High Commission
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From the High Commissioner

The Honourable Lloyd Axworthy, P.C., M.P.
Minister of Employment and Immigration
House of Commons
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Dear Minister:

As you know, our officials have been considering whether the arrangements concerning social security agreed in the letters which passed between the Governments of the United Kingdom and Canada on 8 and 10 December 1959, as amended by the exchanges of letters of 7 and 30 November 1961, 9 March 1973 and 10 November 1977 (henceforth referred to as "the former exchanges of letters") require to be consolidated into a single document, with modifications where necessary to take account of changes in legislation.

The Government of the United Kingdom now proposes that:

- (i) the consolidated arrangements shall be in the form as set out in the Schedule to this letter;
- (ii) the consolidated arrangements shall enter into force on a date to be specified in Notes exchanged between our two Governments, through the Diplomatic Channel, notifying each other that all matters as are necessary to give effect to these consolidated arrangements have been finalised, from which date the arrangements set out in the former exchanges of letters shall cease to have effect, except in respect of claims for benefit approved under those arrangements prior to that date;
- (iii) the consolidated arrangements shall remain in force until the two Governments agree to terminate them or either Government gives at least six months' notice of termination to the other.