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ELECTION OF A CANADIAN AS PRESIDENT OF THE INTERNATIONAL BUREAU OF EXPOSITIONS

Canada-Philippines Double Taxation Agreement

The Department of External Affairs announced today that Patrick Reid, Director General of the Bureau of Public Affairs of the Department of External Affairs, was elected President of the International Bureau of Expositions at its annual meeting in Paris on December 14.

The Bureau is headquartered in Paris and has a membership of 37 nations. Under an international convention established in 1928, it regulates the frequency and conduct of all world expositions, such as Expo '67, Montreal.

Mr. Reid, whose term of office will be for two years, is the first non-European president in the Bureau's fifty-year history. He was proposed by the Delegation of the USSR, seconded by USA and elected unanimously. He has been Canada's Commissioner-General at seven world expositions -- an international record -- and has been the Chairman of the Steering Committee of participants at two of them, Expo '70 Osaka and Expo '74 Spokane.

Mr. Reid will continue his duties as Director General of Public Affairs during his tenure as President of this international organization.

Philippines by overcoming obstacles regarding the tax status of firms or individuals of the country deriving income from the other. It will therefore strengthen the economic relations between Canada and the Philippines.