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SECOND CANADA-JAPAN MINISTERIAL MEETING

The following is the text of the communique issued at the end of the second meeting of the Canada-Japan Ministerial Committee, held in Ottawa, on September 25 and 26:

... Japan was represented at this meeting by the Hon. Munenori Akagi, Minister of Agriculture and Forestry, Hon Kakuei Tanaka, Minister of Finance, Hon. Hajime Fukuda, Minister of International Trade and Industry, Mr. Shigenobu Shima, Vice-Minister for Foreign Affairs and Mr. Nobuhiko Ushiba, Japanese Ambassador to Canada.

Canada was represented by the Hon. Paul Martin, Secretary of State for External Affairs, Hon. Walter L. Gordon, Minister of Finance, Hon. Mitchell Sharp, Minister of Trade and Commerce, Hon. Harry W. Hays, Minister of Agriculture, Hon. H.J. Robichaud, Minister of Fisheries, and Mr. R.P. Bower, Canadian Ambassador to Japan.

VIEWS ON WORLD SITUATION

The Ministers of the two countries exchanged views on international problems of common concern, particularly on the world situation after the signing of the partial test-ban treaty, and the present situation in Asia. In view of the joint efforts Japan and Canada have made in advocating the cessation of nuclear testing, the Ministers welcomed the signing of the recent partial test-ban treaty. The Committee hoped that through maintaining close co-operation

among the free nations further efforts would be made among the countries concerned to lessen international tension by such means as measures to prevent surprise attacks and by realizing general and complete disarmament with effective international verification. The Committee expressed concern over the unstable situation in Asia, and agreed that Japan and Canada, two neighbouring countries across the Pacific, would co-operate to further stability and welfare in this part of the world. Ministers also reaffirmed their conviction that the United Nations would continue to play an important role in solving international problems. They expressed the hope that at the present session of the General Assembly measures would be taken to improve the financial position of the United Nations.

WORLD ECONOMIC PROBLEMS

The Committee also discussed world economic problems of mutual interest to Japan and Canada. The Ministers of the two countries agreed on the importance of the forthcoming multilateral trade negotiations under the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade. They exchanged views on the trade relations of their respective countries with other countries. With regard to the current expansion in Canadian wheat exports, the Ministers reconfirmed the importance of Japan as one of the most stable traditional markets for Canadian wheat. Canadian Ministers welcomed the accession of Japan to the