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The Department of External Affairs announced today that the Secretary of State for External Affairs, Mr. L.B. Pearson, will arrive at Lahore on Sunday, November 6, to begin a visit of several days to Pakistan.

His programme, which has been arranged in consultation with the Pakistan Government, will include a visit to Peshawar on the north-west frontier on November 7 to inspect the site of the Warsak hydro electric power project. From November 8 to 10 he will be in Karachi where he will confer with the Prime Minister of Pakistan. Mr. Chaudri Mohamad Ali, the Foreign Minister, Mr. Hamidul Huq Choudhury, and government officials. Mr. Pearson's visit to Karachi will also be marked by the signing of an inter-governmental agreement which calls for Canada and Pakistan to share jointly in the construction of Warsak under the Colombo Plan.

The Pakistan authorities have carried out the preliminary engineering on the project and will provide certain auxiliary services and all the labour and materials required in building the dams, barrages and earthen works. Canada will contribute equipment and engineering services. To help Pakistan meet the heavy local construction costs, Canada has also agreed that the counterpart funds accruing from the sale of wheat supplied to Pakistan by Canada might be used.

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