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The Governments of Canada and Peru have concluded an agreement to permit amateur radio stations in the two countries, subject to certain conditions, to exchange messages or other communications from or to third parties. These conditions are that the amateur stations should be paid no direct or indirect compensation and that messages should be of a technical or personal nature, where recourse to public telecommunications services would not be justified.

Canadian radio amateurs are at present authorized to communicate with radio amateurs throughout the world in compliance with the International Radio Regulations of the International Telecommunications Union and with the Radio Act and Regulations of Canada, provided that communications are made in plain language and limited to messages of a technical nature. Radio amateurs generally are not permitted to use their stations for communications on behalf of third parties. However, the International Radio Regulations recognize that countries may conclude special agreements to permit amateurs of the countries concerned to exchange telecommunications.

The agreement between Canada and Peru was concluded in Lima by an Exchange of Notes on May 8, between Dr. Fernando Schwalb L.A., Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs of Peru, and the Canadian Ambassador to Peru, Mr. Freeman M. Tovell. This is the ninth agreement of this type to which Canada is signatory, the others having been concluded with the United States, Venezuela, Costa Rica, Honduras, Mexico, Chile, El Salvador and Bolivia. The Canadian Government is at present negotiating similar agreements with a number of other countries.