

The Secretary of State for External Affairs, the Hon. Mitchell Sharp, announced today that Canada and Cuba had signed an agreement this morning providing for the prosecution or return of hijackers of both aircraft and vessels. Mr. Sharp signed for Canada and Dr. Rene Anillo, First Vice Minister of Foreign Affairs, signed for the Government of the Republic of Cuba.

The agreement was negotiated last week in Havana. Dr. Anillo had come to-day to Ottawa as the head of the Cuban delegation for the purpose of concluding the agreement.

The agreement, a copy of which is attached, will come into force on signature.