

To complement the growing trade relations and increasing political contacts, Canada has made Mexico one of its points of concentration for its cultural programs in Latin America. A cultural agreement signed during Prime Minister Trudeau's visit in January 1976, is designed to co-ordinate, encourage and reinforce the growing number of cultural exchanges between the two countries. Under the agreement Canadian artists and performers frequently visit Mexico. Recently the National Ballet of Canada participated in the "Festival Cervantino." A Canadian Library Centre has been operating in the Canadian Embassy in Mexico City since 1971 and currently houses some 6,000 books. The Embassy also has a film library with some 1,400 films.

Canada and Mexico cooperate actively in a number of other fields as well. An exchange program established in 1973 allows young technicians and specialists from each country to live and work in the other country for a year. Under a Seasonal Agricultural Workers Program, over 500 Mexican farm workers are able to work in Canada each summer, gaining not only employment, but also valuable experience. In international matters, Canada and Mexico have cooperated closely, often taking similar positions on important Law of the Sea issues. Canada expects its relations with Mexico, which are already important, to continue to flourish.