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The Secretary of State for External Affairs, the Honourable Paul Martin, today tabled in the House of Commons, the texts of two exchanges of letters between Canada and the Socialist Republic of Romania dealing with consular matters and claims. On April 4, he informed the House of Commons that diplomatic relations between Canada and Romania had been established and tabled an exchange of letters to that effect.

Mr. Martin made the following statement:

"We have reached an understanding with the Romanian Government on a number of consular matters which will, among other things, clarify the position of Canadian citizens, including those of Romanian origin, who may wish to travel to Romania.

"Although it is not included in the formal exchange of notes, the attitude of the Romanian Government towards the problem of divided families was made clear by the Head of the Romanian delegation which was in Ottawa last month," he said. "Insofar as Romanian citizens are concerned, the Romanian Government considers that this falls exclusively within the competence of the Romanian Government, but on humanitarian grounds the Romanian authorities will continue to give sympathetic and benevolent consideration to applications by persons who wish to join members of their families in Canada.

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