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CANADIAN MEMBERSHIP IN  
INTER-AMERICAN CENTER OF TAX ADMINISTRATORS

The Secretary of State for External Affairs, the Honourable Mitchell Sharp, announced today that Canada had agreed to join the Inter-American Center of Tax Administrators on the occasion of the third General Assembly of the Center being held in Mexico City from May 10 to May 17.

The Center originated at a seminar of tax administrators attended by certain Alliance for Progress countries and Canada, held in Washington in April-May 1966. The purpose of the Organization is to encourage the reform of tax systems in countries of the hemisphere and to improve their administration through the exchange of technical information and advice. The Center does not form part of the inter-American system under the O.A.S.

It is hoped that Canada will play a useful role as a member of the Center and that we will be able to share with other countries in the Center our experience in the field of modern methods of tax collection. The decision by Canada to join the Inter-American Center of Tax Administrators will also contribute to the trend towards more meaningful relations between Canada and Latin America, a trend demonstrated by the special mission at the Ministerial level that recently toured the area.