

The Acting Secretary of State for External Affairs, the Honourable Charles Drury, announced that an Air Transport Agreement with the Government of Trinidad and Tobago was signed today in Port-of-Spain. The Agreement was signed by Mr. G.A. Rau, Canadian High Commissioner in Trinidad and Tobago on behalf of the Government of Canada, and by the Honourable F.C. Prevatt, Minister of External Affairs, on behalf of the Government of Trinidad and Tobago.

The Agreement provides for the operation on a regular basis of scheduled air services between Canada and Trinidad and Tobago via intermediate points in the Eastern Caribbean. The designated carriers for each country will be Air Canada and British West Indies Airlines.

This Agreement, the first to be signed with a Commonwealth Caribbean country, will formalize routes which have been served by Air Canada and by BWIA since May, 1969, and will lead to the further development of mutually beneficial and important economic and commercial relations between the two countries.