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The Secretary of State for External Affairs, the Honourable Paul Martin, announced today that the deadline of October 1, 1964 for the registration of claims against Hungary has been extended to December 1, 1964 in response to numerous requests from interested persons.

During talks which concluded in Ottawa on June 11, 1964, the Canadian and Hungarian Governments reached a preliminary agreement towards negotiations at an early date for a settlement of Canadian claims against Hungary. The claims to be taken into account during the negotiations include pre-war debts, war damages, and property subject to nationalization, expropriation, or other taking by the Hungarian authorities. The Department of External Affairs subsequently issued a public announcement inviting Canadians to submit the details of their claims against Hungary to this Department, preparatory to the proposed claims negotiations.

The deadline of October 1, 1964, for submission of such claims has now been extended to December 1, 1964 in response to numerous requests from Canadians who have asked for a further period in order that they may obtain the necessary documentation and information for the submission of their claims. Statements of claim must be prepared in accordance with Instructions and Questionnaires available upon request from the Claims Section of the Department of External Affairs.