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TALKS TO RESUME ON OPEN SKIES

The Secretary of State for External Affairs, the Honourable Barbara McDougall, and the Minister for Foreign Affairs of Hungary, Mr. Gesa Jeszenszky, announced today that negotiations on an Open Skies agreement will resume in Vienna on September 9, 1991. Officials from participating countries will attempt to develop the framework required for an agreement.

The Ministers said that Canada and Hungary have co-operated closely in previous rounds of talks and staged a trial Open Skies overflight in January 1990, which they hope will prove useful in advancing the negotiations.

"An Open Skies regime is an important component of a new security order," said Mrs. McDougall. "We are delighted to work so closely with Hungary in these talks."

"We hope that the experience gained from both the Canada-Hungary trial flight, as well as the bilateral Open Skies regime which Hungary established with Romania, will contribute to the successful conclusion of these negotiations," said Mr. Jeszenszky.

The initial rounds of Open Skies negotiations were held in Ottawa in February 1990, and in Budapest in April 1990. The Open Skies proposal calls for unarmed, short-notice surveillance flights designed to build confidence among participating countries.

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