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## ESTABLISHMENT OF A BINATIONAL EDUCATION COMMISSION

Prime Minister Mulroney and President Bush agreed on February 10 that their respective governments will establish a binational commission to promote educational exchanges between their two countries. Negotiations will start soon.

Initially, the commission will be funded on the Canadian side by the Department of External Affairs and on the American side by the United States Information Agency, which administers the Fulbright Program of academic exchanges between the United States and other countries.

This government funding is intended to be seed money. It is the intention of both governments that grant funding and future administrative support will come from the private sectors of the two countries to ensure a sound financial basis for program activity.

Both governments are confident that such a program will improve relations between the two countries, enhance educational and cultural accomplishment, and promote mutual understanding between the people of Canada and the people of the United States.

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