

constituent who wished to adopt two children from Hong Kong. Through the intervention of our mission in Hong Kong, we were able to expedite the completion of the adoption procedures.

The process of concluding new extradition treaties is continuing, particularly with those countries whose existing arrangements with Canada are based on treaties concluded by Great Britain. Canada signed an extradition treaty with Denmark on November 30, 1977 and with Finland on June 21, 1978. Both treaties are expected to be ratified shortly. It will be recalled that on March 25, 1974 Canada proclaimed Part II of the Extradition Act (chapter E-21, R.S.C. 1970), to be in effect with the Federal Republic of Germany. Thus, for the first time since the commencement of World War II, Canada had an extradition arrangement with that State, although it applied only with respect to offences committed after the date of proclamation. On July 11, 1977 Canada signed a new extradition treaty with the Federal Republic of Germany. It is anticipated that this treaty will be ratified by the fall of 1978. Negotiations for a new extradition agreement with France were successfully completed in Ottawa on October 6, 1977 when an agreed text was initialled. This agreement will replace the Treaty between Great Britain and France for the Mutual Surrender of Fugitive Criminals, signed at Paris on August 14, 1876. It is expected that the agreement with France will be signed at Ottawa by the end of 1978 and subsequently notifications to the effect that the necessary internal procedures have been taken by the parties to bring the agreement into force will be exchanged in Paris. The first round of negotiations for a new extradition treaty with The Netherlands was held in The Hague in June 1978. General mutual agreement was reached on a text of a treaty, but several articles remain to be discussed. When completed, this treaty will replace the Treaty between Great Britain and The Netherlands for the Mutual Surrender of Fugitive Offenders, signed at London on September 26, 1898. Negotiations for a new extradition treaty between Canada and Italy are continuing.

Canada signed an exchange of prisoners treaty with the United States on March 2, 1977 and with Mexico on November 22, 1977. On July 17, 1978 the Transfer of Offenders Act (chapter 9, S.C. 1977-78) was proclaimed. This Act is the enabling legislation under which Canada can carry out the obligations assumed under the Treaties. On July 19, 1978 the Canada-USA Treaty on the Execution of Penal Sentences was ratified and the exchange of prisoners between the two countries has since begun. It is anticipated that the Canada-Mexico Treaty will be ratified in the fall of 1978. Negotiations for an agreement with France on the transfer of inmates were held in Paris in September 1977 and in Ottawa in June 1978. A text of an agreement was initialled. It is anticipated that the agreement will be signed shortly. The purpose of these treaties and agreements is to promote the rehabilitation of