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CANADA SIGNS EXTRADITION TREATY WITH
THE KINGDOM OF THE NETHERLANDS

The Secretary of State for External Affairs, the Right Honourable Joe Clark, announced today that the Minister of Justice, the Honourable Doug Lewis and Mr. Frederik Korthals Altes, Minister of Justice of the Netherlands and His Excellency Jan Fredrick Evert Breman, Ambassador of the Netherlands to Canada, signed in Montreal on October 13, 1989 a new Extradition Treaty between Canada and the Netherlands. The treaty replaces an earlier treaty of 1898.

The new Extradition Treaty is a modern international instrument which is designed to improve assistance in criminal matters between Canada and the Netherlands. It follows the new approach to extradition, whereby extradition is not limited to a list of offences set out in the treaty, but may be granted for conduct punishable under the laws of both countries by imprisonment of more than one year. In addition, the treaty facilitates the gathering and presentation of evidence in support of an extradition request, while at the same time protecting individual rights.

The new treaty will, upon ratification, provide the means for more effective cooperation between Canada and the Netherlands in the battle against crime.

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