

As two of the top six travel destinations in the world, with incomes from visitors totalling more than \$1.2 billion a year, Mexico and Canada have agreed to continue their active interchange of technical information and experts in the fields of tourist development and promotion. Both sides expressed a keen interest in increasing the flow of visitors between the two countries and examined ways in which this could be accelerated. Agreement was reached on action programmes to give substantial encouragement to the campaign endorsed by the International Union of Official Travel Organizations and the Organization of American States to make 1972 "Tourism Year for the Americas" in order to increase travel to and within the Western Hemisphere.

It was agreed that every possible assistance should be given to consular officers of either country to enable them to perform their functions and, in particular, to assist their nationals in case of need. Specific steps in this direction will be developed through further contacts between Canadian and Mexican officials.

The Ministers agreed that their meeting had proved useful in providing a forum for the exchange of views between the two sides in matters of mutual interest and a stimulus to increased understanding and friendship between Mexico and Canada. The Canadian Ministers gratefully accepted the invitation of their Mexican colleagues to hold the next meeting in Mexico City on a date to be determined through future consultation.

The Canadian Ministers, on behalf of the Prime Minister, renewed an invitation to the President of Mexico to visit Canada.