

to commence for some months. As part of preparations for the negotiations, Canadians will be invited to submit to the Canadian Government, within a specified deadline, any claims and supporting documentation not already submitted. Canadians who have already submitted details of their claims to the Department of External Affairs may be asked to furnish certain additional information or documentation in respect of their claims against Hungary. A separate public announcement will be made in the near future outlining the procedure to be followed to register claims with the Canadian Government. I must also mention at the outset that in accordance with well-established international practice, the Canadian Government will be able to espouse only the claims of persons who are Canadians at the present time and who were also Canadians at the time of the loss or nationalization of their property. Claims of persons who were not Canadians at the time of loss will not be included in the proposed negotiations, with the exception of certain categories of claims provided for in the Peace Treaty with Hungary.

Another agreement also records an understanding on certain consular matters which among other things will serve to clarify the position of Canadian citizens, including those of Hungarian origin, who may wish to travel to Hungary. In addition, we have reached an understanding with the Hungarian Government that they will give sympathetic consideration to applications from Hungarian citizens who may wish to join members of their family who are already in Canada.