

The Secretary of State for External Affairs, the Honourable Mitchell Sharp, announced today that the second Canada-Mexico Ministerial Committee Meeting would take place in Mexico City, January 28-29. The composition of the Canadian delegation will be announced later.

The decision to create such a bilateral Committee at the level of Ministers came as a result of the Latin American Ministerial Mission of 1968 which recognized the importance of Mexico in Canada's relations with its Western Hemisphere neighbours.

The first session of the Committee met in Ottawa in October 1971. Following the state visit of President Echeverria to Canada last spring, it was agreed that preparations for the second session of the Committee, this time in Mexico City, would begin before the end of the year.

The Ministers will discuss a variety of current international economic and political problems in which both countries have a common interest, as well as specific bilateral topics including trade, investment policy, tourism, cultural affairs and immigration.