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THE DEPARTMENT OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS ANNOUNCED THAT AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN CANADA AND FRANCE COVERING A PROGRAMME FOR RECIPROCAL EMPLOYMENT OF TRAINEES WAS CONCLUDED IN OTTAWA TODAY. THE TRAINEES OF EACH COUNTRY WILL BE GRADUATE APPRENTICES IN INDUSTRIAL, COMMERCIAL, AGRICULTURAL OR PROFESSIONAL FIELDS TAKING TRAINING-EMPLOYMENT IN THE OTHER COUNTRY FOR A LIMITED TIME.

THE AMBASSADOR OF FRANCE, HIS EXCELLENCY FRANCIS LACOSTE, SIGNED ON BEHALF OF THE GOVERNMENT OF THE FRENCH REPUBLIC AND THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS, MR. L.B. PEARSON, SIGNED ON BEHALF OF THE GOVERNMENT OF CANADA.

THE AGREEMENT SETS OUT THE PRINCIPLES UNDER WHICH THE NATIONALS OF EACH OF THE TWO COUNTRIES MAY PROCEED FOR A LIMITED TIME TO THE OTHER COUNTRY TO TAKE TRAINING EMPLOYMENT, AND PROVIDES FOR THE ADMINISTRATIVE ARRANGEMENTS UNDER WHICH THE PLAN WOULD OPERATE. THUS THE AGREEMENT WILL PERMIT A STATED NUMBER OF CITIZENS OF ONE COUNTRY TO SPEND A PERIOD IN GAINFUL EMPLOYMENT IN INDUSTRIAL, COMMERCIAL OR AGRICULTURAL ESTABLISHMENTS OF THE OTHER COUNTRY WITHOUT BEING PRECLUDED BY THE LEGISLATION AND ADMINISTRATIVE ORDERS WHICH NORMALLY WOULD PROTECT EMPLOYEES AGAINST FOREIGN COMPETITION.

THE LIMIT OF TIME A TRAINEE MAY REMAIN IN THE OTHER COUNTRY IS ONE YEAR, WHICH MAY BE EXTENDED FOR NOT MORE THAN SIX MONTHS. THE NUMBER OF TRAINEES WILL BE TWENTY-FIVE THE FIRST YEAR, INCREASING BY THAT NUMBER EACH YEAR UNTIL A TOTAL ANNUAL FIGURE OF ONE HUNDRED TRAINEES IS REACHED.

THE AGREEMENT COMES INTO FORCE TODAY, THE DATE OF SIGNATURE, AND WILL REMAIN IN FORCE FOR ONE YEAR. IT SHALL THEREAFTER BE RENEWED BY TACIT AGREEMENT FROM YEAR TO YEAR, UNLESS DENOUNCED BY ONE OF THE CONTRACTING PARTIES UPON SIX MONTH'S NOTICE.