

In 1978 the Transfer of Offenders Act was passed by Parliament. This legislation permits Canada to carry out the obligations assumed in treaties providing for the execution of penal sentences under which, on a reciprocal basis, Canadian citizens sentenced to imprisonment in foreign countries will be permitted to serve their sentences and parole in Canada. A Canada-U.S. treaty on transfer of prisoners was ratified in July 1978 and is now in force; a similar treaty was signed with Mexico in 1977 and a transfer of offenders treaty with France was initialled in 1978.