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Exchange of Ratifications of  
Canada-U.S.S.R. Trade Protocol

The Secretary of State for External Affairs, the Honourable Paul Martin, today announced that Order-in-Council authorization for ratification of the Trade Protocol, which was signed in Moscow by representatives of Canada and the U.S.S.R. on June 20 of last year, was recently obtained and that the Canadian Instrument of Ratification has now been issued. The exchange of Instruments of Ratification here in Ottawa between Mr. Martin and the Soviet Ambassador His Excellency Ivan F. Shpedko, the effect of which will be to bring the agreement definitively into force, took place at 10:30 this morning in the Commonwealth Room of the Centre Block.

The primary purpose of this agreement, which was tabled in Parliament on June 27 of last year and which has been provisionally in force since its signature, is to extend for a further period of three years the Canada-Soviet Trade Agreement that was originally concluded in February of 1956 and that was extended in 1960 and 1963.