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The Secretary of State for External Affairs announced today that a reply had been received to the message sent on December 24, 1948, to Mr. Moshe Shertok, Foreign Secretary of the Provisional Government of Israel.

The text of Mr. Shertok's reply is as follows:

"I have the honour to acknowledge receipt of your cable of 24th December and to convey to Your Excellency on behalf of the Provisional Government of Israel an expression of deep appreciation of the de facto recognition by the Canadian Government and the hope of the early establishment of formal relations between Canada and Israel. The Provisional Government of Israel is anxious for the rapid restoration of peace and the settlement of all outstanding questions either directly or through the good offices of the Conciliation Commission appointed under the General Assembly resolution of December 11th, 1948, and regards this active recognition by Canada as an important contribution towards this end."

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