

The Secretary of State for External Affairs, the Honourable Allan J. MacEachen announces the signature today in Bonn of an Agreement on Cultural Cooperation between the Government of Canada and the Government of the Federal Republic of Germany. This Agreement was signed by the Canadian Ambassador to the Federal Republic of Germany, Mr. G. G. Crean and the State Secretary of the Foreign Office, Mr. Walter Gehlhoff, in the presence of the Prime Minister, the Right Honourable Pierre Elliott Trudeau, currently on an official visit to Bonn and Mr. Hans-Dietrich Genscher, Deputy-Chancellor.

The objective of this Agreement is to enhance co-operation in cultural relations between Canada and Germany as expressed in the exchange of letters of September 28, 1973 between the Secretary of State for External Affairs of Canada and the Foreign Minister of the Federal Republic of Germany.

To this end, both Parties have agreed to stimulate to the extent possible exchanges in all fields of academic and cultural life. They will encourage academic exchanges (scholarships, exchanges of research workers and teachers, reciprocal visits, recognition of degrees, ...), the exchange of information between representatives of cultural, professional and social groups of both countries, and participation in international meetings.

Both Parties will facilitate performances by artists and ensembles, contacts in the fields of press, radio, television and cinema, dissemination of books and other publications of a scientific, educational, technical or literary nature, translations, contacts in the fields of publishing, libraries, archives and museums, co-operation between sports and youth organizations, and the activities of their respective cultural institutions.

Meetings will be held alternately in each country to review the progress of the exchanges carried out and to work out recommendations for further development of cultural co-operation.