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EXTENSION OF THE CURRENT NORAD AGREEMENT

The Acting Secretary of State for External Affairs, Allan J. MacEachen, today tabled in the House of Commons an Exchange of Notes constituting an Agreement between the Governments of Canada and the United States of America to extend the current North American Air Defence Command (NORAD) Agreement for a year.

The Notes were exchanged today in Washington by Canada's Ambassador to the United States, Peter Towe, and Sharon E. Ahmad, Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for Canadian Affairs in the State Department.

The Canadian Government sought this extension in order to provide an opportunity for the House of Commons Standing Committee on External Affairs and National Defence to express its views on the subject. Due to the recent election, such a review could not be undertaken before the expiry of the Current Agreement on May 12, 1980.

-- The texts of the notes exchanged in Washington are attached.