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NEW HEADQUARTERS AGREEMENT
BETWEEN CANADA AND ICAO

The Secretary of State for External Affairs, the Honourable Barbara McDougall, and Dr. Assad Kotaite, the President of the Council of the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO), today signed a new Headquarters Agreement between ICAO and the Government of Canada. The new Agreement replaces the original one signed by Lester B. Pearson on April 14, 1951.

"Montreal has played host to ICAO Headquarters for more than 40 years. Today's commitment by the Government of Canada ensures that the Montreal area will continue to be a centre for the international aviation industry," said Mrs. McDougall.

The signing ceremony took place in Ottawa in the presence of the Secretary-General of ICAO, Dr. Philippe Rochat, and members of the Council.

The International Civil Aviation Organization was created in 1944 to promote the safe and orderly development of worldwide civil aviation. A specialized agency of the United Nations, ICAO sets international standards and regulations necessary for the safety, security, efficiency and reliability of air transport. It also serves as the medium for co-operation in all fields of civil aviation among its 164 Contracting States.

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