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The Department of External Affairs announced today the conclusion of an Agreement with the Norwegian Government providing for the loan by Canada to Norway of three Prestonian class frigates. The three ships which will be loaned to Norway are the modernized anti-submarine frigates Penetang, Prestonian and Toronto. The Agreement is in the form of an Exchange of Notes between the Secretary of State for External Affairs, Mr. L. B. Pearson, and the Norwegian Ambassador to Canada, His Excellency A. C. Gunneng.

These ships will be available as part of the North Atlantic Treaty defence force and their transfer to the Royal Norwegian Navy is further evidence of the Canadian Government's continuing strong support of NATO.