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ESTABLISHMENT OF DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS
BETWEEN CANADA AND THE
DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF
SAO TOMÉ AND PRINCIPE

The Secretary of State for External Affairs, Don Jamieson, today announced the establishment of diplomatic relations between Canada and the Democratic Republic of Sao Tomé and Principe.

Canada's Permanent Representative to the United Nations, Mr. William H. Barton, and the Chargé d'Affaires of the Democratic Republic of Sao Tomé and Principe, Mr. Helder Barros, signed on December 13, 1978, a joint communiqué stating their governments' decision to establish diplomatic relations. The ceremony represents another step in the development of relations between the two countries which were officially initiated in September 1975 following the Democratic Republic of Sao Tomé and Principe's accession to the United Nations. The Canadian Ambassador to be accredited to the Democratic Republic of Sao Tomé and Principe will be resident in Yaoundé, Cameroon, where he is also Canada's Ambassador.

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