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The Secretary of State for External Affairs announced today that a new bilateral agreement for air services between Canada and Belgium was signed at 4 p.m. in Ottawa by the Honourable Lionel Chevrier, Minister of Transport, and Vicomte du Parc, the Belgian Ambassador.

Similar in form to other bilateral air agreements previously concluded by Canada with other European states, this agreement provides for a direct carriage of passengers and cargo between the two countries. A Canadian airline is granted the right to pick up and put down at Brussels passengers for and from Canada. Similarly a Belgian airline may pick up and put down at Gander passengers for and from Belgium.