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## SIGNATURE OF A CANADA-FINLAND AIR AGREEMENT

The Department of External Affairs announced today that Canada and Finland have concluded an Air Transport Agreement. This agreement was formally signed in Ottawa by the Secretary of State for External Affairs, the Honourable Don Jamieson, and the Ambassador of Finland, His Excellency Niilo Juhani Pusa.

The routes specified in this agreement are on a third and fourth freedom basis with intransit rights at a point in Europe between the two countries and intransit rights at Montreal and Helsinki to a point beyond. Finland has selected New York and will serve Montreal on its New York run on a twice weekly basis. In exchange, Air Canada would have similar rights through Europe to Helsinki and to a point beyond Helsinki to be named by Canada.

The air agreement is for a period of four years and is renewable thereafter. During the initial period the service will be operated by Finnair alone. Air Canada and Finnair have, for their part, concluded a commercial agreement.