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The Department of External Affairs released today the text of an exchange of notes, giving formal effect to the "Statement of Principles for Economic Co-operation" between Canada and the United States. The statement sets forth general principles for guidance of the two Governments in achieving a coordinated economic programme for their common defence.

The notes were signed today in Washington by Mr. H.H. Wrong, Ambassador of Canada, and Mr. Dean Acheson, Secretary of State of the United States. The two chairmen of the Joint Canada - United States Industrial Mobilization Planning Committee, Mr. C.D. Howe, Minister of Trade and Commerce, and Mr. W. Stuart Symington, Chairman of the United States National Security Resources Board, were present at the signing.

The exchange of notes reaffirms the practice of the two countries followed during the Second World War when they co-operated closely under the terms of the Hyde Park Agreement of 1941. That agreement enabled officials of Canada and the United States to coordinate for mutual benefit their efforts in such matters as military procurement, economic controls and the use of raw materials.

The arrangements worked out under the Hyde Park Agreement proved so successful that when international conditions again appeared threatening, the Joint Canada - United States Industrial Mobilization Planning Committee was established on April 12, 1949, to exchange information in case joint action should again become necessary. At its last meeting on August 8, 1950, in Ottawa, the Committee drew up the Statement of Principles which has now been confirmed by both Governments.

Following are the texts of the Statement of Principles and of the two notes:

STATEMENT OF PRINCIPLES FOR ECONOMIC CO-OPERATION

The United States and Canada have achieved a high degree of co-operation in the field of industrial