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The Department of External Affairs announced today the conclusion of an immigration agreement between the Governments of Pakistan and Canada. The agreement takes the form of an exchange of notes made in Karachi and comes into effect immediately. The Canadian note was signed by Mr. Geoffrey S. Murray, Acting High Commissioner for Canada in Pakistan, and the Pakistani note by the Honourable Chaudri Muhammad Zafrulla Khan, Minister of Foreign Affairs and Commonwealth Relations.

The agreement, which may be terminated by either government on six months notice, reads as follows:

- "(1) In the twelve month period commencing on the 1st day of January, 1951, and in each succeeding twelve month period thereafter, the admission to Canada for permanent residence of one hundred citizens of Pakistan, including both sexes and all ages, shall be authorized provided the immigrants comply with the provisions of the Canadian Immigration Act.
 - (2) In addition to the citizens of Pakistan whose entry to Canada for permanent residence is authorized in accordance with paragraph (1) above, a citizen of Pakistan who can otherwise comply with the provisions of the Canadian Immigration Act may be admitted to Canada for permanent residence if he or she is the husband, wife, or unmarried child under twenty-one years of age of any Canadian citizen legally admitted to and resident in Canada and if the settlement arrangements in Canada are shown to the Canadian authorities to be satisfactory.
 - (3) The provisions of Canadian Order-in-Council P.C. 2115, dated the 16th day of September, 1930, as amended by Order-in-Council P.C. 6229 of the 28th day of December, 1950, shall not apply to citizens of Pakistan.
- (4) The admission to Canada as non-immigrants of citizens of Pakistan shall not be affected by the preceding paragraphs."

This agreement is almost identical to that concluded with the Government of India earlier this year.