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CANADA AGREES TO PROTECTION OF
ISRAELI INTERESTS IN IRAN

Secretary of State for External Affairs Don Jamieson announced today that following the break in diplomatic relations between Israel and Iran, the Canadian Government accepted an Israeli request that Canada undertake the protection of Israeli interests in Iran. Subsequently Canada sought and obtained Iranian concurrence as required under international practice.

When one country believes that, for its own reasons, it can no longer continue in diplomatic relations with another state accepted international procedure is for the country affected to seek an impartial third party to protect its interests. As a matter of general policy, the Government has been willing to give sympathetic consideration to ways in which Canada might be helpful to countries involved in situations of this sort.