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JOINT COMMUNIQUÉ

The second session of consultations between Canada and the Association of South East Asian Nations (ASEAN) was held in Ottawa October 31 - November 1, 1977. The first session was held in Manila in February of 1977. The purpose of the meeting was to continue discussion of economic cooperation between Canada and ASEAN, and to exchange views on issues of mutual interest.

His Excellency Modesto Farolay^N, Director-General, ASEAN-Philippines, was spokesman for the ASEAN side, which included Mr. Umarjadi Njotowijono, Director-General, ASEAN-Indonesia; Mr. Kassim Hussein, Director-General, ASEAN-Malaysia; Mr. Tan Boon Seng, Director-General, ASEAN-Singapore; Mr. Pranom Kongsamut, Deputy Director-General, ASEAN-Thailand. The ASEAN Secretariat was represented by Dr. Amado Castro, Director of the Economic Bureau.

The Canadian side was led by Mr. J.J. McCardle, Director-General, Bureau of Asian and Pacific Affairs, Department of External Affairs, and included Mr. Ian Robertson, Director-General, Business and Industry Division, Canadian International Development Agency; Mr. T. Eyton, Acting Director-General, Pacific, Asian and Africa Bureau, Department of Industry, Trade and Commerce; Mr. J.A. MacPherson, Director, International Economic Relations Division, Department of Finance; and Mr. A. Douglas Small, Director, Pacific Affairs Division, Department of External Affairs.

Mr. Klaus Goldschlag, Deputy Under-Secretary of State for External Affairs, delivered welcoming remarks on behalf of the Honourable Don Jamieson, Secretary of State for External Affairs. Mr. Goldschlag expressed Canada's support for the Association of South East Asian Nations, and admiration for its achievements in promoting economic cooperation within the region. He congratulated ASEAN on

its positive influence on stability and development in South East Asia. Mr. Goldschlag stated that Canada, as a Pacific country, was pleased to be considered a partner in ASEAN's cooperative endeavours.

During the course of the meeting the ASEAN side reviewed recent developments in ASEAN including the results of the August ASEAN Heads of Government meeting in Kuala Lumpur. The Canadian side supported the evident trend toward closer cooperation among the ASEAN countries, and noted that Canada's relations with ASEAN were firmly based on excellent bilateral relations with ASEAN's member countries, and with other regional institutions such as the Asian Development Bank.

The meeting reviewed international economic trends including topics of common interest arising at the Multilateral Trade Negotiations in Geneva. Both sides agreed that further Canada-ASEAN consultations on this and other specific trade issues of interest to ASEAN would be beneficial.

Proposals for further cooperation between Canada and ASEAN were also considered. Trading relations, industrial cooperation and development assistance were discussed, in accordance with the Canada-ASEAN principles of cooperation agreed at the first session of the Dialogue in Manila in February 1977.

In addition, cooperation in the fields of satellite communication, civil aviation, fisheries, forestry and port development was considered. The attention of Canadian experts and ASEAN Sub-committees would be further directed to these sectors.

It was agreed in principle that a consultative group in Ottawa should be established to facilitate continuation of the Canada-ASEAN dialogue. It was also agreed that the next formal meeting of the Canada-ASEAN dialogue would be held in one of the ASEAN countries, at a time to be determined later. The ASEAN delegation expressed its sincere appreciation for the warm hospitality extended by the Canadian Government and for the excellent arrangements made for the meeting.