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Following an exchange of notes on December 22, 1972 and January 3, 1973 and subsequent negotiations, the Government of Canada and the Government of the German Democratic Republic have issued the following communiqué:

Desiring to develop relations between Canada and the German Democratic Republic, in accordance with the aims and principles of the United Nations Charter, the Governments of the two countries have agreed to establish diplomatic relations between the two countries as of August 1, 1975 and to exchange diplomatic representatives with the rank of Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary at a mutually convenient time.

The Governments of the two countries will apply the provisions of the Vienna Convention on diplomatic relations of April 18, 1961 to the diplomatic relations between Canada and the German Democratic Republic. On the basis of reciprocity the two Governments will facilitate the establishment of their missions in accordance with their respective laws and regulations.

The two Governments agree that, following the establishment of diplomatic relations, consultations shall begin as soon as possible on the question of trade relations between the two countries and the possible negotiation of a trade agreement. They also agree to open talks at an early stage on consular and related matters, such as citizenship, travel and associated humanitarian questions, bearing in mind particularly the terms and spirit of the Helsinki Final Act of August 1, 1975.

Further talks will be held on other matters of joint interest at mutually convenient times.

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Helsinki, August 1, 1975.