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CANADA-ZIMBABWE RELATIONS

The Secretary of State for External Affairs, Mark MacGuigan, announced in Salisbury today that a number of steps have been taken to develop Canadian relations with the new State of Zimbabwe.

-- During his attendance at the independence ceremonies for the former colony, Dr. MacGuigan conveyed a message from the Governor General of Canada, Edward Schreyer, (copy attached) welcoming Zimbabwe's emergence as a sovereign state. Delivery of this message also constitutes Canada's formal recognition of the new State and Government.

It was also agreed with the Zimbabwe Government that diplomatic relations would be established at the level of High Commissioners and that Canada will open a mission in Salisbury in the near future. In the interim, Canada will be represented by Terence Bacon, Canadian High Commissioner resident in Lusaka, Zambia.



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April 14, 1980

Excellency:

On behalf of the Government and people of Canada, I wish to convey to you and to the people of Zimbabwe all best wishes on the achievement of your country's independence. All Canadians join Zimbabwe's other friends in welcoming her to the international community and particularly into the Commonwealth, and Canada looks forward to the development of a close and friendly relationship.

May I also add my own congratulations to you as you take up your duties as President of the new Republic.

Edward Schreyer,
Governor General of Canada.

His Excellency
Reverend Canaan Banana,
President of the Republic of Zimbabwe,
Salisbury, Zimbabwe.