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RENEWAL OF AIRCREW TRAINING AGREEMENT WITH NORWAY

THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS, THE HONOURABLE HOWARD GREEN, ANNOUNCED TODAY THE RENEWAL OF THE AIRCREW TRAINING AGREEMENT WITH NORWAY. (A SIMILAR AGREEMENT HAS RECENTLY BEEN RENEWED WITH DENMARK.) A FORMAL EXCHANGE OF NOTES TOOK PLACE THIS MORNING IN OSLO BETWEEN THE CANADIAN AMBASSADOR, DR. R. A. MACKAY, AND THE NORWEGIAN FOREIGN MINISTER, MR. H. LANGE.

ON APRIL 17, 1957, NOTES WERE EXCHANGED WITH THE GOVERNMENT OF NORWAY TO PROVIDE FOR THE CONTINUATION FOR A REASONABLE TIME OF LIMITED CANADIAN TRAINING FACILITIES FOR NORWEGIAN AIRCREW STUDENTS. THIS AGREEMENT, WHICH WAS CONCLUDED AS CANADA'S NATO AIR TRAINING PROGRAMME WAS REACHING ITS COMPLETION, WAS AIMED AT ASSISTING THE NORWEGIAN GOVERNMENT IN MAKING THE TRANSITION TO A SUITABLE NATIONAL TRAINING SCHEME.

THE AGREEMENT PROVIDED THAT AT SOME MUTUALLY CONVENIENT TIME DURING THE THIRD YEAR THEREOF, DISCUSSIONS WOULD TAKE PLACE ON A BILATERAL BASIS ON THE NEED OR OTHERWISE OF EXTENDING IT FOR A

FURTHER PERIOD. CONSULTATIONS TO THIS END HAVE BEEN HELD WITH THE NORWEGIAN AUTHORITIES DURING THE LAST FEW MONTHS. AS A RESULT, THE CANADIAN GOVERNMENT HAS AGREED TO EXTEND THE PRESENT AGREEMENT FOR A FURTHER FOUR-YEAR PERIOD BEGINNING JULY 1, 1950. TRAINING TO "WINGS" STANDARD WILL BE PROVIDED ANNUALLY TO THIRTY STUDENT PILOTS AND THREE STUDENT NAVIGATORS FROM NORWAY. A TOKEN PAYMENT OF \$5,000 PER STUDENT PILOT ENTRANT AND OF \$2,000 PER STUDENT NAVIGATOR ENTRANT WILL BE MADE BY NORWAY. CANADIAN COSTS WILL BE DEFRAYED UNDER CANADA'S MUTUAL AID PROGRAMME.