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CONCLUSION OF CANADA-USSR GENERAL EXCHANGES AGREEMENT

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On Wednesday, October 20, the Prime Minister of Canada, the Right Honourable Pierre Elliott Trudeau, and the Chairman of the Council of Ministers of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, Mr. A. N. Kosygin, signed a General Exchanges Agreement between Canada and the USSR.

The Canadian Government and the Government of the USSR are of the view that co-operation in expanding their exchanges will promote the development of good relations and will broaden mutual understanding. They recognize that similarities in geography and climate create a favourable basis for exchanges in many fields. By concluding this agreement both sides have accordingly confirmed their desire to increase their bilateral exchanges in scientific, technical, educational, cultural and other fields.

The General Exchanges Agreement states that both governments have agreed to undertake to promote and develop exchanges and other forms of co-operation on the basis of mutual benefit and reciprocity, in accordance with the laws in force in each of the two states.