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Tribute to Canada on its Centenary

The Secretary of State for External Affairs, the Honourable Paul Martin, announced today that he has conveyed a message of appreciation to the Foreign Ministers of the countries of the Organization of American States. The message, sent on behalf of the Government and people of Canada, expressed warm thanks for the "generous and friendly tribute" paid to Canada on its centenary by the Third Special Inter-American Conference of the OAS.

The Conference, which met recently in Buenos Aires, paid tribute to Canada at its concluding meeting on February 26, 1967 in a resolution adopted unanimously in the following terms:

"WHEREAS:

Canada will celebrate this year the first Centennial of the signing of the Act which established the Canadian Confederation; and

Canada occupies an outstanding position among the nations of the Western Hemisphere because of its high cultural level, its accelerated agricultural and industrial development, the stability of its democratic institutions, and the cordiality of its relationships with the other American states,

The Third Inter-American Special Conference

RESOLVES:

1. To salute the noble Canadian nation, and extend, through the Government thereof, congratulations on the occasion of the First Centennial

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of the Act of Confederation which that country will celebrate in the course of the present year.

2. To pay a special tribute of admiration to the people of Canada for their valuable contribution to the peace and progress of the Hemisphere and of the world!"

Canada was represented at this Conference by an observer delegation headed by the Ambassador in Buenos Aires, Mr. Jean Bruchési.