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The following is the text of the Joint Communiqué issued in Moscow at the conclusion of the visit of the Canadian Parliamentary Delegation:

"At the invitation of the Supreme Soviet of the USSR a Canadian Parliamentary delegation, headed by the Honourable Alan Macnaughton, Speaker of the House of Commons, and Senator David A. Croll, paid an official visit to the USSR from July 19 to 30. The delegates were members of the Senate and House of Commons of Canada.

This was the first visit of Canadian parliamentarians to the USSR. In addition to Moscow, the delegates visited Tbilisi, Sochi, Kiev and Leningrad. During the tour of the USSR the delegation was accompanied by Mr. L. I. Lubennikov, a member of the Supreme Soviet of the USSR.

The delegation was given an opportunity to become acquainted with the various aspects of the life of the Soviet people and with their achievements in the fields of economy, science, art and culture and to visit a number of industrial and agricultural enterprises and social and cultural institutions.

During their stay in Moscow the members of the delegation were received by Mr. A. I. Mikoyan, Chairman of the Presidium of the Supreme Soviet of the USSR, and Mr. A. N. Kosygin, Chairman of the Council of Ministers. The discussions covered a number of international problems and questions of Soviet-Canadian

relations.

The Canadian parliamentarians also had discussions with Mr. J. V. Peive, Chairman of the Council of Nationalities of the Supreme Soviet of the USSR, and with members of the Commission on Foreign Affairs. The delegation was acquainted with the structure and work of the Supreme Soviet of the USSR, the Supreme Soviets of the Union Republics and local Soviets of working peoples deputies. In the course of these meetings and discussions, held in an atmosphere of sincerity and mutual understanding, the Soviet leaders acquainted the Canadian guests with the main principles of Soviet foreign policy and expressed the views of the Soviet Government and Soviet Parliament regarding means of solving outstanding international problems. For their part the members of the delegation outlined the views on these issues of the five political parties represented in the Canadian Parliament. The exchange of views on international questions promoted an understanding of the positions taken by both sides.

In discussions during these meetings the Canadian visitors and their Soviet hosts agreed that the visit had been highly successful and had above all been useful in terms of promoting the development of better relations between the two countries. Both sides agreed on the desirability of continued cooperation in the fields of mutual interest to Canada and the USSR. The parliamentarians of both countries pointed out with satisfaction that in recent years Soviet-Canadian ties and contacts in the fields of trade and cultural and scientific exchange have been considerably strengthened and widened.

The Canadian delegation expressed great satisfaction at the Soviet decision to participate on an impressive scale in the

1967 Universal and International Exposition in Montreal (Expo 67). This participation is bound to have a favourable effect on Canadian-Soviet relations. Both sides were convinced that the ties developed in this way would further develop for the benefit of the two countries and that this would make a contribution to the strengthening of world peace and understanding between peoples.

The Canadian delegation expressed gratitude for the hospitality of their Soviet hosts. Mr. Macnaughton, Speaker of the House of Commons, extended a cordial and formal invitation to the USSR Supreme Soviet to send a Soviet parliamentary delegation to Canada. The invitation was accepted by the Supreme Soviet of the USSR with satisfaction. The sides agreed that the exact date of this visit to Canada would be fixed through diplomatic channels. "