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The Department of External Affairs made public today the texts of a number of messages from foreign governments received by the Prime Minister on the occasion of Canada's National Day, July 1, 1948.

From Juan Carlos Rodriguez, Ambassador of Argentina:

On the occasion of a new anniversary of Dominion Day I convey the warm greetings and congratulations of my Government to Your Excellency, the authorities and people of Canada, adding my own personal regards.

From Raul Fernandes, Minister of Foreign Relations of Brazil:

On the happy occasion of the anniversary of the Confederation of Canada I ask you to accept my cordial congratulations and sincere good wishes for your personal happiness.

From Wong Wen - Hao, Premier of the Republic of China:

On this happy occasion of the anniversary of the Dominion Day of Canada I wish to convey to Your Excellency, your Government and people on behalf of the Chinese Government and people my sincerest felicitations and best wishes for your personal welfare and continued prosperity of the Canadian nation.

From Mariano Brull, Minister of Cuba:

Allow me to convey to Your Excellency in the glorious anniversary of Dominion Day on behalf of the people and the Government of Cuba and in my own name the best wishes for the prosperity and happiness of the gallant people of Canada which in so great a measure is contributing to the consolidation of a peaceful world under the enlightened leadership of your own Government. I also send to Your Excellency my warmest personal regards and congratulations.

From Robert Schuman, Premier of France:

A l'occasion de la fête nationale du Canada je tiens à exprimer à Votre Excellence mes souhaits les plus chaleureux pour le bonheur et la prospérité de la nation canadienne à laquelle nous unissent tant de liens spirituels et moraux.

From Philippe Cantave, Consul General of Haiti in Canada:

A l'occasion du premier juillet anniversaire de la Confédération et fête du Canada, j'ai l'honneur de me faire l'interprète du Gouvernement et du peuple haïtiens - et aussi de mes compatriotes qui jouissent de l'hospitalité canadienne - pour vous adresser les sincères souhaits que nous formulons pour votre bonheur personnel ainsi que pour la grandeur et la prospérité de la nation canadienne dont les chers fils donnent au monde un vivant exemple de paix, de justice et de liberté.

From The Netherlands Embassy in Ottawa:

On instruction from Her Royal Highness The Princess Regent of the Netherlands, I have the honour to convey to you, Sir, and to the people of Canada the best wishes of Her Royal Highness for the well being and the prosperity of the Nation on the occasion of Dominion Day.

Accept, Sir, the renewed assurances of my highest consideration.

From the Legation of Switzerland:

On the occasion of the eighty-first anniversary of Confederation, I have the honour to offer you my heartfelt congratulations and to convey to the Government and the people of Canada all best wishes on behalf of the Government and the people of Switzerland who have at all times considered the Dominion of Canada as their sister-democracy working with them to achieve sound international solidarity.

In respectful recognition of the auspicious occasion of Dominion Day, the flag of this Legation will be hoisted throughout the day.

From the Charge d'Affaires a.i. of the U.S.S.R. Embassy:

I have a pleasure to congratulate you cordially on the occasion of Dominion Day when your country celebrates 81st Anniversary of the Confederation of Canada.

With kinest personal regards.

From Hafry S. Truman, President of the United States:

The people of the United States join me on this National Anniversary of Canada in sending to your Excellency and to the people of Canada hearty congratulations and sincere good wishes.

From Dr. I. Ribar, Chairman of the Praesidium of Yugoslavia:

Au nom du Praesidium de l'Assemblée nationale de la République Fédérative Populaire de Yougoslavie, je prie Votre Excellence de bien vouloir recevoir nos félicitations sincères à l'occasion de la fête nationale ainsi que nos meilleurs voeux pour la prospérité du Canada.

Also made public were the texts of messages addressed to the Secretary of State for External Affairs on this occasion.

From C. Tsaldaris, Vice President of the Council of Ministers and Minister of Foreign Affairs for Greece:

Expressing the sincere feelings of the Royal Government and the Greek people upon the 81st anniversary of the Confederation, please accept and communicate to the Canadian Government cordial wishes and heartfelt congratulations for the prosperity of your great country.

From P.V. Michel, Ambassador of Mexico:

On the occasion of the celebration of Canada's National Day, by instructions of my Government, I have the honour to transmit to your Excellency the following message:

"On the celebration of Dominion Day, the Government of Mexico has pleasure in sending to the Government of Canada its most sincere felicitations, accompanied by its most fervent good wishes for the progress and prosperity of your country".

I reiterate to your Excellency the assurance of my highest consideration.

From Zygmunt Modzelewski, Minister of Foreign Affairs in Poland:

A l'occasion de la Fête Nationale veuillez agréer, Excellence, mes vœux sincères pour votre bonheur personnel ainsi que pour la prospérité de votre pays.