

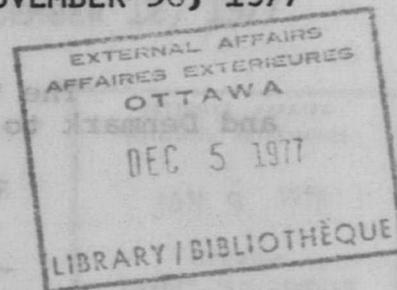


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SIGNATURE OF THE CANADA/DENMARK EXTRADITION TREATY

The Department of External Affairs announced today that the Honourable Don Jamieson, Secretary of State for External Affairs, and His Excellency Hans R. Tabor, Ambassador of Denmark, signed an Extradition Treaty between Canada and Denmark. The signing ceremony was witnessed by Mr. Anker H. Jørgensen, Prime Minister of Denmark and the Right Honourable Pierre Elliott Trudeau, Prime Minister of Canada.

The Treaty will enter into force upon the exchange of Instruments of Ratification which will take place in Copenhagen as soon as possible. The Treaty will terminate and replace the present extradition arrangements between Canada and Denmark, namely the Treaty between the United Kingdom and Denmark for the Mutual Surrender of Offenders signed at Copenhagen on March 31, 1873.

Generally speaking, the Treaty enumerates offences in respect of which one contracting party may seek the extradition of a fugitive offender found in the territory of the other and the conditions under which a fugitive can be surrendered. The terms of the Treaty are similar to those which Canada has recently entered into with other countries.

Among the salient provisions of the Treaty are:

- (a) offences relating to the unlawful seizure of aircraft and drug offences are extraditable;
- (b) conspiracy to commit, or being a party to, any of the offences listed in the schedule of the Treaty is extraditable; and

By signing this Treaty, the Government of Canada and the Government of Denmark welcome these instruments as concrete steps on the part of the international community to extend the protection of human rights and to ameliorate the position of those who suffer the destructive consequences of conflicts between and within nations.

- (c) the stipulation is included that extradition may be refused if it is considered that the request has been made for the purpose of prosecuting or punishing a person because of his race, religion, nationality or political opinion.

The Treaty establishes the determination of Canada and Denmark to co-operate in the field of crime prevention.