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VISIT TO CANADA OF THE HUNGARIAN DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER

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The Department of External Affairs announced today the results of the visit of the Hungarian Deputy Prime Minister, Mr. Péter Vályi and his delegation, who were in Canada from Thursday, March 8 to Tuesday, March 13:

Mr. Vályi and his delegation, which included the Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs, Mr. János Nagy, and the Deputy Minister for Foreign Trade, Mr. Béla Szalai, held talks with the Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce, the Honourable A. W. Gillespie, and officials of that Department on Friday, March 9. The trade talks covered a number of fields of mutual interest, which included a review of the progress toward increasing trade between the two countries. It is expected that as a result of these talks, there will be increased possibilities for the expansion of trade between Canada and Hungary, notably in the machinery and the capital goods sector.

On Monday, March 12, the Hungarian Deputy Prime Minister and the Hungarian Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs held separate talks with the Secretary of State for External Affairs, the Honourable Mitchell Sharp, during which political questions of common interest were reviewed. Besides subjects of bilateral interest, the talks concentrated on outstanding international questions, including preparation for the Conference on Security and Cooperation in Europe, the Canadian and Hungarian approaches to the problem of Mutual Balanced Force Reduction, and Vietnam. As both Canada and Hungary are participating in the ICCS in Vietnam, a frank exchange of views ensued on this subject: as a result of these discussions the position of both participants in the Commission has been clarified. While both sides recognize that they entertain a different approach to their role in the ICCS, both sides expressed similarity of views on the desirability of establishing a lasting peace in Vietnam.