The following statement has been received from the delegation of Canada.

The Canadian Government consulted extensively with the provincial governments and with the Standards Council of Canada and its accredited standards-writing organizations prior to signing the Agreement and received assurances that they would endeavour to comply with the provisions of the Agreement that apply to their activities and to co-operate in the implementation of the Agreement.

No legislation is required for Canada to implement the Agreement. Federal Government departments and agencies have been provided with copies of the Agreement and have been informed of their obligations under it. A formal government administrative policy directive respecting the provisions of the Agreement is being prepared for issuance to all federal departments and agencies. An Interdepartmental Committee on Standards Policy comprising representatives of Federal Government departments and agencies engaged in activities to which the Agreement applies has been established to review the implementation and administration of the Agreement.

(A) Notices of proposed federal technical regulations and certification systems are published in the Canada Gazette - Part I. The time allowed for comments currently varies from thirty to ninety days. The texts of new federal statutes are published in the Canada Gazette - Part III. The texts of new federal technical regulations and certification systems are published in the Canada Gazette - Part II.

(B) Each provincial government publishes the texts of new statutes and regulations in its Provincial Gazette.
(C) Notices of standards and certification systems proposed by non-governmental bodies are published in the following publications:

- CSA Information Update, issued by the Canadian Standards Association;
- Quarterly Journal of the Canadian Government Specifications Board;
- Summary of Standards Activities of the Canadian Gas Association;
- ULC News, to be issued by Underwriters Laboratories of Canada commencing July 1980.

Each standard is published separately and is available from the relevant standards-writing organization.

The Canadian enquiry point is:

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The Standards Information Service has been in operation for several years.

Requests for consultations under Article 14 of the Agreement should be addressed to:

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Responsibility for co-ordinating the implementation of the Agreement by Canada has been assigned to:

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