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**CANADA ESTABLISHES DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS  
WITH LITHUANIA, LATVIA AND ESTONIA**

The Secretary of State for External Affairs, the Honourable Barbara McDougall, today announced that Canada is establishing diplomatic relations with Lithuania, Latvia and Estonia.

For 52 years, the Government of Canada has strongly supported these three courageous countries in their struggle to regain their freedom. Canada never recognized their annexation by the Soviet Union.

Canada maintained *de jure* recognition against the day when Lithuania, Latvia and Estonia would be free to reclaim their independence. That day has come.

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Kanādas ārlietu valsts sekretāres Barbaras Makdugalas 26.08.1991. paziņojums par diplomātisko attiecību nodibināšanu ar Lietuvu, Latviju un Igauniju  
Fakss. Pēc Latvijas Republikas Ārlietu ministrijas lūguma 30.07.1998. atkārtoti atsūtīts no Kanādas Ārlietu un starptautiskās tirdzniecības departamenta. Angļu val.

Statement by the Secretary of State for External Affairs of Canada, Barbara McDougall, on the establishment of diplomatic relations with Lithuania, Latvia and Estonia, 26.08.1991  
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