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EXCHANGE OF NOTES (FEBRUARY 12, 1954) BETWEEN CANADA  
AND ITALY CONSTITUTING A CULTURAL AGREEMENT

The Canadian Ambassador to Italy to the  
Minister of Foreign Affairs of Italy

Rome, February 12, 1954

Excellency,

I have the honour to refer to our recent conversations on the question of cultural relations between Canada and Italy and to set forth the views of my Government in this matter.

2. The Government of Canada fully shares the belief of the Government of Italy that it would be in the interest of our respective countries to know and understand better the people, the institutions and the cultural life of the other country. To these ends, and taking into account the relevant provisions of the Civilian Relief Agreement effected by the exchange of notes of March 30, 1950 between Canada and Italy, and approved by the Italian Parliament under law No. 176 of March 19, 1953, the Government of Canada wishes to conclude a cultural agreement with the Government of Italy.

3. In implementation of the Civilian Relief Agreement, the Government of Canada proposes to set up a Canadian Foundation at Rome, of which the Ambassador of Canada to Italy shall be the President. The interest derived from the bonds which the Government of Italy, in compliance with the terms of the Civilian Relief Agreement shall place at the disposal of the Canadian Foundation, shall be used in Italy for the purposes prescribed in the statutes of the Foundation. The Government of Italy shall have the right to maintain an Italian cultural institute at Montreal, the general purposes and functions of which shall in principle be similar to those of the Canadian Foundation at Rome. The two Governments shall communicate to each other, for their respective concurrence, the statutes of the two institutions mentioned above.

4. The Government of Canada would look with favour upon the provisions by our two countries of bursaries, scholarships and fellowships so as to enable their respective nationals to undertake or pursue training, studies, or research in the territory of the other country.

5. In order to make the culture of one country better known to the other and to promote the closest co-operation between the cultural associations of the two countries, the Government of Canada is prepared to encourage and facilitate, on the understanding that the Government of Italy will do the same, the exchange of official, scientific and technical publications and other material of an educational or cultural character, as well as the organization and presentation in one interested country of artistic exhibitions, concerts, lectures, radio and television programmes, films and other cultural activities originating in the other country.

6. The Canadian Foundation at Rome and the Italian cultural institute at Montreal, mentioned in paragraph 3 above, shall comply with the requirements of the laws in force in the territory in which they exercise their activity. It is furthermore the intention of our two governments to accord, for the purpose of the cultural agreement and within the limits of pertinent legislation, the most favourable treatment possible to the citizens of the other country regarding the entry, travel, residence, and departure of foreigners.

7. The two Governments shall consult from time to time, through normal diplomatic channels, on the best ways of implementing the cultural agreement.

8. If the foregoing proposals are acceptable to the Government of Italy, I wish to suggest that this note and your Excellency's reply thereto shall constitute a cultural agreement between our two Governments which shall enter into force on the date of your note and which may be terminated on six month's notice by either Government.

9. Please accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.

Ambassador

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