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BORDER ADMINISTRATIVE ARRANGEMENTS AGREEMENT

The Prime Minister and Minister for Foreign Affairs, Mr Whitlam, announced today that discussions would be held in Jakarta beginning on 25 September for a Border Administrative Arrangements Agreement relating to the border between the Indonesian province of Irian Jaya and Papua New Guinea.

An Agreement delineating the border was signed in Jakarta on 14 February 1973. The proposed new Agreement will cover a number of issues arising from border relations such as traditional movements across the border and immigration matters, etc.

Mr Whitlam said that the Australian delegation would be led by the Solicitor-General, Mr R.J. Ellicott, Q.C., and that its members would be drawn from Australian and Papua New Guinean Departments and the Australian Embassy in Jakarta.