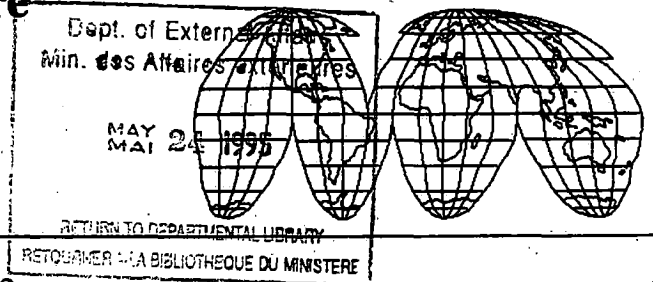


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**FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND INTERNATIONAL TRADE:
PRESS RELEASES:**

Canada Deplores Chinese Nuclear Weapons Test Explosion

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Foreign Affairs Minister André Ouellet deplored the latest nuclear weapons test explosion carried out by China and called on the Chinese Government to respect its obligation under the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT) to pursue nuclear disarmament in good faith. "This latest Chinese test clearly violates the positive spirit that led to the indefinite extension, supported by China, of the NPT just three days ago. Canada calls on China to cease all further testing and to adhere to the nuclear testing moratoria observed by the other nuclear weapons states," said Mr. Ouellet.

Ouellet Welcomes Visit of Jamaican Deputy Prime Minister

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Foreign Affairs Minister André Ouellet announced that Jamaica's Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs and Foreign Trade, Seymour Mullings, will pay a visit to Canada May 16 and 17. In welcoming the visit, Mr. Ouellet noted that a number of high-level consultations with Jamaica have taken place in the last year, including the visit of Jamaican Prime Minister P.J. Patterson to Canada in July. "This clearly underlines the excellent relations between our two countries. Jamaica is one of our most important commercial and political partners in the Caribbean," said Mr. Ouellet. He added that the two ministers plan to discuss the follow-up to the Summit of the Americas, issues concerning Haiti and Cuba, and the upcoming Organization of American States (OAS) General Assembly to be held in Port-au-Prince, Haiti, June 5-10.

Canada Welcomes indefinite Extension of Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty

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Foreign Affairs Minister André Ouellet welcomed a historic decision to extend the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT) indefinitely and unconditionally. The NPT is the cornerstone of international efforts to prevent the proliferation of nuclear weapons. Its indefinite extension has been a key Canadian objective, as outlined in the Government's recent Foreign Policy Statement. A Canadian-presented resolution calling for the treaty's indefinite and unconditional extension was adopted without a vote at an international conference at the United Nations in New York. "This decision represents a tremendous achievement for the international community. By making the NPT a permanent feature of international law we have ensured our continuing ability to contain the spread of nuclear weapons," said Mr. Ouellet.

STATEMENTS

As you know, the Foreign Policy Statement has outlined three objectives for international action. These objectives aim to support the recommendations of the Joint Committee, and are mutually reinforcing: the promotion of our prosperity and employment; the protection of our security in a stable global environment; the projection of our values and our culture. Needless to say, in order to fulfil these objectives we will have to fully utilize all our foreign policy instruments, including international trade and international aid. The program review calls for reductions within the Department of 5, 10 and 15 per cent over the next three years. We have tried to implement these reductions in a way that will minimize the impact on program delivery and on the provision of our services to Canadians. We shall fulfil our objectives by reducing corporate services, increasing costs payable by clients, making reductions in the grants and contributions paid to non-governmental organizations, and reducing staff in our major missions. We shall also fulfil our objectives through other administrative means, such as reinvesting profits from certain property sales in order to reduce rental costs. I have done my utmost to avoid closing missions abroad. In fact, the Government is very interested in the possibility of finding innovative ways of extending our representation abroad. In particular, we are thinking of creating micro-missions, with one or two Canada-based employees supported by a larger mission located elsewhere. We are also considering new possibilities for joint leases with other countries, such as Australia. Thus the main estimates for the Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade for 1995-96 total \$1.3 billion, a reduction of \$104.9 million (7.5 per cent) from last year.

Notes for an Address by the Honourable André Ouellet, Minister of Foreign Affairs, before the Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Trade (Ottawa, Ontario, May 16, 1995, 95/31)

In March I travelled to India, accompanied by a delegation of over 40 Canadian business leaders, and I was most impressed with what I saw. As Canada's Secretary of State for Asia-Pacific, I have visited many