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## QUELLET PRESENTS 1994 AWARDS FOR FOREIGN POLICY EXCELLENCE

Foreign Affairs Minister André Ouellet today presented the 1994 Minister's Award for Foreign Policy Excellence to Mr. Christopher Cooter, Second Secretary (Political) and Mr. Christopher Liebich, former Second Secretary (Development), at the Canadian High Commission in Nairobi. Their teamwork led to an integration of Canadian foreign aid and peacekeeping activity in Somalia.

Mr. Ouellet also presented two citations for exemplary service in the field of foreign policy to Mr. Ross Hynes and Mr. John McNeish.

Mr. Ross Hynes, Departmental Human Rights Co-ordinator, in the Human Rights, Women's Equality and Social Affairs Division, was recognized for his contribution to Canada's leadership in the promotion of human rights through Canadian foreign policy. As Canada's chief negotiator at the United Nations World Conference on Human Rights held in Vienna in 1993, and in subsequent negotiations at the United Nations General Assembly, Mr. Hynes played an important role in establishing the position of a UN High Commissioner for Human Rights.

Mr. John McNeish, a desk officer for Mexico in the Mexico and South America Relations Division, was cited for his contribution to enhanced Canada-Mexico relations during the past year. As Canada's relationship with Mexico expanded, Mr. McNeish was called upon to co-ordinate the activities of 25 Canadian government departments and agencies with interests in Mexico and to oversee the implementation of nearly 40 bilateral and trilateral agreements with Mexico.

The Minister's award for Foreign Policy Excellence is awarded annually as part of the Department's Recognition and Awards Program.

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