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NEW INTERNET SITE LAUNCHED

The Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade can now be reached on the Internet. The Internet address is http://www.dfait-maeci.qc.ca

The Department's Internet site will be inaugurated by Deputy Foreign Affairs Minister Gordon Smith at 9:30 a.m. Wednesday, July 26 in the lobby of the Lester B. Pearson Building. representatives are welcome to attend.

The Department's Internet site provides electronic information on a range of Canadian foreign policy issues including international trade and investment, international cultural and educational relations, travel, international organizations and more. information is accessible 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

The attached backgrounder provides a listing of various information systems presently available from the Department, including the Internet.

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