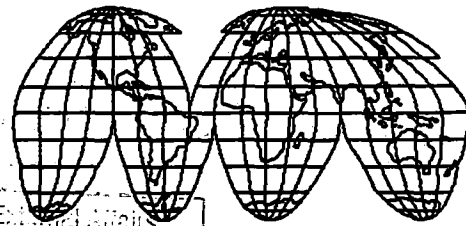


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Ouellet Pays Tribute to International Women's Day

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On the occasion of International Women's Day, Foreign Affairs Minister André Ouellet paid tribute to the role and contribution of women to global development and peace. "The advancement of women at home and internationally remains a priority. Canada will continue to play a leading role in the achievement of political, economic and social equality for women," said Mr. Ouellet. The Minister cited recent Canadian international initiatives to help enhance the global status of women: Canada initiated a United Nations Declaration on the Elimination of Violence Against Women, which was adopted by the General Assembly in December 1993. Canada also played a leading role in the creation, in March 1994, of a new position of Special Rapporteur on Violence Against Women. At the International Conference on Population and Development, held in Cairo in September 1994, Canada negotiated actively for consensus on adopting a final document that recognizes that the empowerment of women through education, income generation and improved health services is key to the development process. Canada was also instrumental in getting the Conference to place new emphasis on the reproductive health and rights of women. Mr. Ouellet further noted that this week, a Canadian delegation is in Copenhagen participating at the World Summit for Social Development, where many issues of concern to women figure prominently on the agenda. The Minister also said that Canada has assumed a leadership role in preparing for the forthcoming Fourth United Nations Conference on Women. The Conference — to be held in Beijing in September 1995 — will be a catalyst for further action to address the challenges facing women around the world.

Trade Team Canada at Work

March 8, 1995, no. 45

Trade Team Canada initiatives involving the federal and provincial governments and business will top the agenda of a meeting between Minister for International Trade Roy MacLaren and provincial and territorial ministers responsible for international trade, to be held at the Government Conference Centre in Ottawa, March 27, 1995. Mr. MacLaren and his counterparts will review the Prime Minister's successful trade missions to China and Latin America, as well as other recent Trade Team Canada achievements. They will discuss further federal-provincial co-operation in international trade promotion, with a view to developing more strategic approaches to international business development as well as streamlining the services provided to exporters by both levels of government. "Working together, the provinces and the federal government have been able to strengthen Canada's presence in the international marketplace," Mr. MacLaren said. "Through teamwork, we can improve further Canada's standing as a source and destination for trade and investment."

New Zealand Lifts Ban on Canadian Salmon Imports

March 7, 1995, no. 44

On the occasion of the visit to New Zealand of the Honourable Roy MacLaren, Minister for International Trade, the New Zealand government announced that the ban on the import of uncooked headless, gutted, wild, ocean-caught Pacific salmon from Canada is to be removed. Trade will resume as soon as import health standards have been developed. Mr. MacLaren welcomed this decision. "I am pleased that this problem has been resolved. It not only removes a trade irritant with New Zealand, but more importantly, it reopens the New Zealand salmon market to the Canadian fishing industry." Canada is the first foreign country to negotiate successfully the removal of such a ban.

Secretary of State Chan to Visit India and Pakistan

March 6, 1995, no. 43

Foreign Affairs Minister André Ouellet announced that Secretary of State (Asia-Pacific) Raymond Chan will visit India and Pakistan from March 11 to 20, 1995. He will be accompanied by a delegation of 44 participants representing the Canadian private sector. "This visit will help pave the way for a new era of Canada-India and Canada-Pakistan relations. We must continue to develop and strengthen both our bilateral and commercial relationships," said Mr. Chan. "Doing so will not only encourage our business communities to work more closely together, but will enable Canada to be a partner in India and Pakistan's efforts to achieve sustainable development."

**Ouellet Marks 25th Anniversary of the Nuclear
Non-Proliferation Treaty**

March 3, 1995, no. 42

In a statement marking the 25th anniversary of its entry into force, Foreign Affairs Minister André Ouellet reaffirmed Canada's commitment to the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT), and called for its indefinite, unconditional extension at the upcoming Review and Extension Conference in New York in April. "The NPT