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## SECRETARY OF STATE STEWART TO VISIT MOZAMBIQUE, BOTSWANA AND SOUTH AFRICA

Foreign Affairs Minister André Ouellet today announced that Secretary of State (Latin America and Africa) Christine Stewart will visit Mozambique, Botswana and South Africa January 24 to February 3, 1994. In Botswana, she will lead the Canadian delegation to the annual Consultative Conference of the Southern African Development Community (SADC). She will make a brief visit to Mozambique before and a more extended tour of South Africa after the SADC conference.

"Mrs. Stewart's participation in this year's SADC conference and her visits to Mozambique and South Africa will underscore Canadian support for Southern Africa at a time of tremendous change and uncertainty," Mr. Ouellet said.

Mrs. Stewart's visit to Mozambique on January 24 and 25 will demonstrate Canada's support for the United Nations-led peace process culminating in multiparty elections in October. Her visit to South Africa, from January 29 to February 3, will better acquaint her with conditions in the country in preparation for her return in April as the Head of Canada's team of electoral observers.

Mrs. Stewart's visit to South Africa will overlap with the visit of Minister for International Trade Roy MacLaren. She will join Mr. MacLaren for calls on President de Klerk, Nelson Mandela and other senior South African leaders on February 1.

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