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at the General Assembly. Also to be presented are results of the first gathering of hemispheric parliamentarians under the Parliamentary Network of the Americas.

Canada will seek to make the Windsor meeting more inclusive, conducted in a spirit of institutional transparency and openness. Immediately before the General Assembly, Mr. Axworthy will participate in a Democracy Forum organized by the Montréal-based International Centre for Human Rights and Democratic Development and the OAS Unit for the Promotion of Democracy. In Windsor, Canada expects to welcome the largest civil society contingent ever seen at an OAS General Assembly. In addition, Foreign Ministers will be presented with a youth declaration by a representative of the Model OAS General Assembly (MOAS), held at the University of Alberta in Edmonton this past March 27 to 31.

## The Cultural Showcase: An invitation to the public

In Windsor, the public will have a chance to see examples of Canadian-led initiatives in the OAS and also to learn about the General Assembly's host city and the surrounding region of Essex County. Opening in late May, the Cultural Showcase will include a children's art exhibit on human rights, an OAS Museum of the Americas exhibit, an exhibit on banning landmines, an Interactive Americas kiosk, and a City of Windsor and Essex County display.

Complementing the Showcase will be a program of waterfront activities as part of the Carousel of Nations multicultural festival sponsored by the City of Windsor. Events will include performances by local musicians, artists and dancers, plus a display of fireworks and a flotilla along the Detroit River.

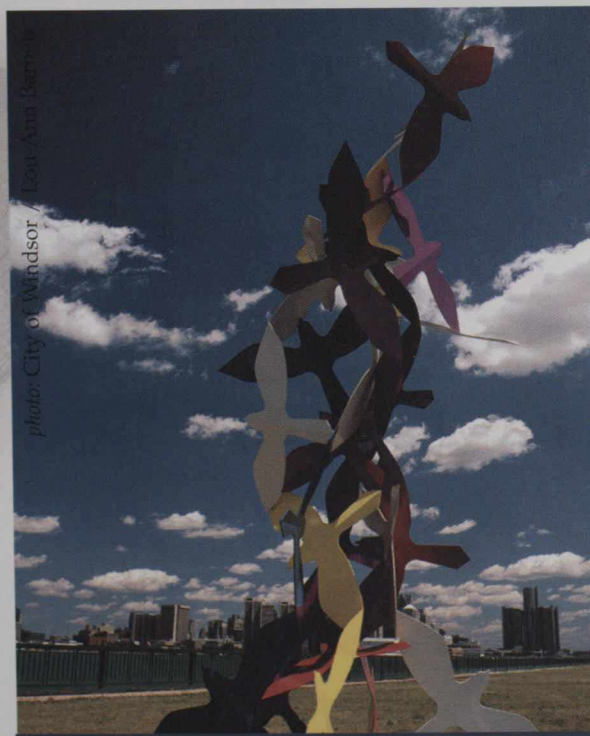


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*Morning Flight*, Gerald Gladstone's soaring sculpture, against the backdrop of the city of Windsor, Ontario