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POUL HARTLING, UNITED NATIONS' HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR REFUGEES,
VISITS CANADA -- JUNE 27-JULY 2, 1981

The Secretary of State for External Affairs, Dr. Mark MacGuigan, announced today that the United Nations' High Commissioner for Refugees, Poul Hartling, will pay an official visit to Canada from June 27 to July 2, 1981.

This visit will provide an opportunity for discussions with Canadian Ministers and officials on a wide variety of issues of mutual interest. Canada, which is a member of the Executive Committee of the United Nations' High Commission for Refugees (UNHCR) has traditionally been a major contributor to UNHCR humanitarian assistance programmes for refugees and to refugee resettlement activities.

During his visit to Ottawa on July 2, Mr. Hartling will meet with Dr. MacGuigan and with the Minister of Employment and Immigration, the Honourable Lloyd Axworthy.

Mr. Hartling will visit Montreal at the invitation of Mayor Jean Drapeau from June 27 to 29 to inaugurate the International Refugee Day at "Man and his World" and to take part in a round table on refugee matters sponsored by the Canadian Foundation for Refugees. He will be received as well by the Honourable Gérald Godin, Minister for Cultural Communities and Immigration of Quebec.

Mr. Hartling will visit Toronto on June 30 and will undertake a similar programme involving a tour of refugee reception facilities and a meeting with representatives of non-governmental organizations (NGOs) involved in refugee assistance activities. He will be received by the Honourable Reuben Baetz, Minister of Culture and Recreation of Ontario, and by Mayor Art Eggleton of Toronto.