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## BOLIVIAN FOREIGN MINISTER TO VISIT CANADA

Foreign Affairs Minister André Ouellet today announced the visit of the Minister of External Relations and Religion of Bolivia, Dr. Antonio Aranibar Quiroga, to Ottawa and Toronto February 27 to March 1, 1995.

"Dr. Aranibar's visit will provide an opportunity to consolidate political relations at a time when Bolivia is preparing to take over the presidency of the Rio Group in 1996," said Mr. Ouellet.

While in Ottawa, Dr. Aranibar will meet with Christine Stewart, Secretary of State (Latin America and Africa), as well as Huguette Labelle, President of the Canadian International Development Agency, and Keith Bezanson, President of the International Development Research Council.

Mrs. Stewart added that "the visit fits well with Canada's policy of promoting hemispheric economic integration and sustainable development, both of which were key issues at the Summit of the Americas last December. It is particularly timely as Bolivia prepares to host the 1996 Summit on Sustainable Development."

In Ottawa on February 28 and in Toronto on March 1, Dr. Aranibar will meet with local companies interested in the economic reforms taking place in Bolivia and the trade and investment opportunities being created, particularly in the mining and oil and gas sectors.

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