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VISIT OF THE SECRETARY-GENERAL OF THE ORGANIZATION OF AMERICAN STATES TO CANADA

The Secretary of State for External Affairs, the Honourable Barbara McDougall, today announced that the Secretary-General of the Organization of American States (OAS), His Excellency João Clemente Baena Soares, will visit Canada April 28 to 30, 1991.

"Our membership in the OAS is a key element of Canada's relations with Latin America. I am pleased to welcome the Secretary-General to Canada and I look forward to discussing issues of mutual interest with him," said Mrs. McDougall.

This is the first official visit by a Secretary-General of the OAS to Canada. During his visit to Ottawa, Ambassador Baena Soares will meet with the Prime Minister and with the Secretary of State for External Affairs.

Canada became a full member of the Organization of American States on January 8, 1990. Prior to that date, Canada had permanent observer status at the Organization.

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