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## CANADA RECOGNIZES THE INDEPENDENCE OF THE CZECH REPUBLIC AND THE SLOVAK REPUBLIC

The Secretary of State for External Affairs, the Honourable Barbara McDougall, today announced that Canada has recognized the Czech Republic and the Slovak Republic as independent states.

Following the June 1992 elections in the Czech and Slovak Federal Republic (C.S.F.R.), Czech Prime Minister Vaclav Klaus and Slovak Prime Minister Vladimir Meciar held a series of talks on the future of the C.S.F.R. The leaders reached agreement to dissolve the federation on January 1, 1993.

"We are confident that implementation of this decision will proceed in a peaceful and orderly manner," said Mrs. McDougall. "Canada is ready to support efforts by both states to strengthen their democratic institutions and implement economic reforms."

The Minister also announced that Canada will proceed immediately to establish diplomatic relations with the Czech Republic and the Slovak Republic.

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