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CANADA URGES PEACEFUL RESOLUTION OF PERU-ECUADOR CONFLICT

Foreign Affairs Minister André Ouellet today urged a peaceful and rapid settlement of the border conflict between Peru and Ecuador, and called on the two countries to avoid any further escalation of tensions.

"Canada supports the mediation efforts undertaken by the four guarantor countries (Argentina, Brazil, Chile and the United States) of the 1942 Rio Protocol, which had settled the border question," said Mr. Ouellet.

At today's meeting in Washington of the Permanent Council of the Organization of American States (OAS), Canada will encourage the OAS to play a supportive role in the mediation efforts of the four guarantor countries, said Mr. Ouellet, adding that he commended efforts by OAS Secretary-General César Gaviria to arrange a ceasefire and initiate a process for a peaceful resolution of the conflict.

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