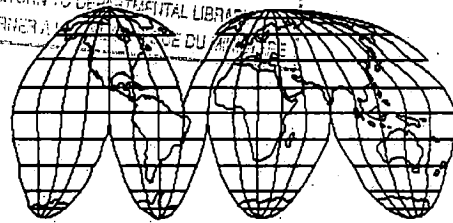


This Week in Trade and Foreign Policy **Le commerce et la politique étrangère cette semaine**



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PRESS RELEASES:

Canada to Participate in United Nations Mission in Haiti

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External Affairs Minister Perrin Beatty, Defence Minister Tom Siddon and Public Security Minister Douglas Lewis announced that Canada will participate in the new United Nations Mission in Haiti (UNMIH), established by UN Security Council Resolution 867 on September 23, 1993. Canada will provide a military construction contingent and a civilian police force. It is expected that about 110 Canadian Forces personnel will participate in the UN mission, most of whom will be construction engineers who will help upgrade and rebuild Haitian infrastructure such as public buildings and hospitals. An advance group of 33 military personnel will be in Haiti by October 11, preparing for the arrival of the main contingent. This advance group will also assist in the rebuilding of a local school. In addition, about 100 Royal Canadian Mounted Police officers will join the multinational UN civilian police force, which will train and monitor the work of the Haitian police.

Canada Ratifies Protocols Strengthening the Organization of American States

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External Affairs Minister Perrin Beatty announced that Canada has ratified the Washington and Managua protocols to amend the Charter of the Organization of American States (OAS). "The protection and promotion of representative democracy have been among Canada's top priorities since joining the OAS. Canada's prompt ratification of these protocols demonstrates our commitment to democracy and to the eradication of poverty in this hemisphere, as well as to OAS reform," Mr. Beatty said.

Beatty Criticizes Chinese Nuclear Test

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External Affairs Minister Perrin Beatty expressed Canada's deep concern and profound disappointment at China's detonation of a nuclear device at its testing facility in Xinjiang. Canada has urged China on numerous occasions not to engage in nuclear testing. "I very much regret that efforts by Canada, in concert with like-minded countries, were unsuccessful in deterring China from testing," said the Minister. Mr. Beatty noted that by testing a nuclear device at this time, China has failed to demonstrate the leadership that is essential on the part of nuclear powers in international non-proliferation efforts. "There is an international consensus that testing should be put behind us with other relics of the Cold War," he went on to say. "It would be tragic if the Chinese test led to an unravelling of that consensus. On the eve of negotiations for a Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty, China has ignored world opinion. I again urge China to join all other countries in ceasing nuclear testing immediately, and to contribute positively to the negotiation of a Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty."

ExportVision Brings Export Markets to Canada's Doorstep

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The Honourable Tom Hockin, Minister for International Trade, announced the launch of ExportVision -- a trade development program designed to help Canadian exporters gain new markets for their products and services. "In today's competitive economic climate, Canadian exports are leading Canada out of the worldwide recession," Mr. Hockin said. "Our high standard of living and the quality of our social programs depend, to a large degree, on exports. To export successfully we need to penetrate and develop world markets for Canadian products and services. The federal government has worked hard to open doors to international business opportunities for Canadian exporters. Securing access to markets through trade negotiations and agreements is one of the keys to Canada's productivity and competitiveness."

Hockin Welcomes Changes to Export Financing Guidelines For Commercial Banks

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The Honourable Tom Hockin, Minister for International Trade, welcomed the decision of the Office of the Superintendent of Financial Institutions (OSFI) to implement important changes to export financing guidelines. The changes will affect the amount of provisions that banks must set aside against loans in specified countries. "The new regulations will make export financing more accessible for Canadian companies and will have significant positive implications for Canadian exporters," Mr. Hockin said in Vancouver, where he is attending the annual convention of the Canadian Exporters' Association.