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VISIT OF ISRAEL'S FOREIGN MINISTER SHIMON PERES

External Affairs Minister Barbara McDougall today announced that Israeli Minister of Foreign Affairs Shimon Peres will visit Canada March 30 to April 1, 1993. During his stay in Canada, Mr. Peres will visit Ottawa, Toronto and Montreal.

"Mr. Peres's visit provides us with an opportunity to reaffirm Canada's longstanding friendship with Israel," said Mrs. McDougall. "It will also allow Canada to encourage progress in the Middle East peace process. Our participation in the talks, particularly the Refugee Working Group, demonstrates our commitment to work for a just, lasting and comprehensive peace in the region."

On Tuesday in Ottawa, in addition to meetings with External Affairs Minister Barbara McDougall, and the Minister for Industry, Science and Technology and Minister for International Trade, Michael Wilson, Mr. Peres will call on Prime Minister Brian Mulroney. The Israeli Foreign Minister will also meet with the leaders of the Opposition parties in the House of Commons, and a number of representatives of the Canadian Jewish community and the business community.

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