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FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND INTERNATIONAL TRADE: PRESS RELEASES:

Canada Calls on Iraq to Comply with UN Resolutions

October 11, 1994, no. 202

Foreign Affairs Minister André Ouellet called on Iraqi authorities to respect United Nations resolutions and to comply fully with the Security Council requirement for Iraq to recognize Kuwait and its United Nations-demarcated border. "The massing of Iraqi troops on the Kuwaiti border is in gross defiance of the spirit of UN resolutions and of the Security Council requirement concerning Iraq's recognition of Kuwait. Canada joins its voice to those who have expressed their concern with regard to these latest developments, and supports U.S.-led actions to ensure that the will of the international community is respected," said Mr. Ouellet.

Canada to Host G-7 Conference on Partnership for Economic Transformation in Ukraine October 11, 1994, no. 201

Foreign Affairs Minister André Ouellet and Human Resources Development and Western Economic Diversification Minister Lloyd Axworthy announced that Canada will host a one-day Conference on Partnership for Economic Transformation in Ukraine. The meeting, which will be attended by G-7 and Ukrainian officials and representatives of the international financial institutions, will take place October 27, 1994, in Winnipeg. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss Ukraine's plans for economic reform and international support for Ukraine's economic transformation. "Ukraine is a key player in Europe. It is important that we and the other G-7 countries encourage Ukraine to implement an economic reform program in co-operation with the international financial institutions. Creating a market economy in Ukraine will speed up Ukraine's integration into the world economy," said Mf. Ouellet.

Visit of Burkina Faso External Relations Minister

October 7, 1994, no. 200

Foreign Affairs Minister André Ouellet announced that His Excellency Ablassé Ouedraogo, the External Relations Minister of Burkina Faso, will pay an official visit to Canada from October 10 to 13, 1994. During his visit, Mr. Ouedraogo will meet with Secretary of State (Latin America and Africa) Christine Stewart to discuss the development of relations between Canada and Burkina Faso. He will take part in a round table with government officials and business people on the economic and political situation in Burkina Faso. Mr. Ouedraogo will also meet with the President of the Canadian International Development Agency, Huguette Labelle, to review Canada's development aid program in Burkina Faso.

Canada Announces Assistance to Russian Federal Migration Service

October 7, 1994, no. 199

Foreign Affairs Minister André Ouellet and Minister of Citizenship and Immigration Sergio Marchi announced a \$1.3 million contribution for a technical assistance project to help the Russian Federal Migration Service (FMS). The project, to be administered by Citizenship and Immigration Canada, will help the Russian FMS develop and implement immigration and refugee policies and practices that conform to international standards. "The strengthening of the Russian Federal Migration Service, to make it an effective organization for monitoring and determining immigrants and refugees, will be an important step in the overall objective of supporting human rights and democratic reform in Russia," said Mr. Ouellet.

CIDA

CIDA Supports Environmental Management in India

October 11, 1994, 94-40

The Honourable Roy MacLaren, Minister for International Trade, announced that the Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA) is contributing \$7 million to a major environmental management project in India. The project, to be undertaken by the Confederation of Indian Industry (CII), will improve CII's capacity to implement industrial environmental policies, raise environmental awareness in India's industrial sector and promote Indo-Canadian co-operation in energy and water management. "The project will help India reduce pollution and improve energy conservation," Mr. MacLaren said. "Not only will there be opportunities for Canadian goods and services from environmental industries during the project's implementation, but also spin-off commercial benefits for Canadian firms and organizations in what will be one of the largest environmental markets of the next century."