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## **OUELLET WELCOMES BOSNIAN PEACE AGREEMENT**

Foreign Affairs Minister André Ouellet today welcomed the peace agreement for Bosnia-Herzegovina initialled by the presidents of Bosnia, Croatia and Serbia in Dayton, Ohio.

"I congratulate the parties on their achievement today, and urge them to continue to work constructively with the international community in a spirit of co-operation and flexibility in implementing the peace plan," Mr. Ouellet said.

"This momentous peace agreement will put an end to the immense suffering of innocent civilians caused by the fighting and killing that have ravaged the former Yugoslavia for more than four years. Together with the other agreements signed in Dayton to resolve the status of Eastern Slavonia in Croatia and to strengthen the Bosnian Muslim-Croat Federation, today's peace accord establishes a strong framework for future relations between the states of the former Yugoslavia," the Minister added.

Mr. Ouellet also praised the American, Russian and European Union negotiators for their work in reaching the peace agreement. "They did an outstanding job in balancing the aspirations of the parties on a wide-range of constitutional and territorial issues. I particularly want to congratulate U.S. Secretary of State Warren Christopher for his unique leadership role in facilitating this peace process."

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