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Secretary of State (Latin America and Africa) Christine Stewart announced today, on behalf of Foreign Affairs Minister André Ouellet, that Major-General Roméo Dallaire, the former Commander of the United Nations Assistance Mission in Rwanda (UNAMIR), Ambassador Bernard Dussault, Canada's special emissary, and representatives of non-governmental organizations (NGOs) active in central Africa will attend a forum on Central Africa on September 22.

Mrs. Stewart will discuss the Canadian strategy for Rwanda and Central Africa and report on Canadian activities in that part of the world.

Canada's involvement in UNAMIR has been a very important factor since the outbreak of problems in Rwanda. Canada played a key role in improving the situation and it plans to continue to do so.

The contribution of the Canadian NGOs, with the financial support of the Canadian International Development Agency, has been vital in easing the misery in Rwanda and in the camps in Zaire and Tanzania, and it is very important that they provide their point of view on Canadian and international activities for remedying this terrible tragedy.

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