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QUELLET ANNOUNCES VISIT OF DR. NAFIS SADIK, UNFPA EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Foreign Affairs Minister André Ouellet today announced that Dr. Nafis Sadik, the Executive Director of the United Nations Fund for Population Activities (UNFPA), will visit Ottawa from May 30 to June 1.

Dr. Sadik is the Secretary-General of the International Conference on Population and Development (ICPD), to be held September 5 to 13 in Cairo, Egypt. While in Ottawa, she will meet with Minister of Citizenship and Immigration Sergio Marchi and Secretary of State (Latin America and Africa) Christine Stewart. She will also meet with other senior officials to discuss preparations for the conference. The ICPD is expected to adopt an international plan of action for the next two decades which finds a balance between population, resources, the environment and development. Canada has been an active participant in all of the conference preparations.

Dr. Sadik will take part in a public forum on The Challenge of Population and Development and will also meet with representatives of the Canadian National Advisory Council for the ICPD, a group of non-governmental organizations formed to consult and advise the government on issues to be raised at the conference.

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