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SECRETARY OF STATE FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS TO VISIT BRAZIL, MARCH 7-13

The Secretary of State for External Affairs, the Honourable Mark MacGuigan, announced today that he would pay an official visit to Brazil from March 7-13. The Secretary of State will visit Brasilia, Rio de Janeiro and north-eastern Brazil.

While in Brasilia, Dr. MacGuigan will meet with Foreign Minister Ramiro Elysio Saraiva Guerreiro and other senior leaders to discuss bilateral, as well as international, issues of mutual interest. The Secretary of State for External Affairs and the Foreign Minister will also jointly open the Fourth Session of the Canada-Brazil Joint Economic Committee.

In Rio, Dr. MacGuigan will address the Canada-Brazil Chamber of Commerce and host the opening of a film festival organized in conjunction with the National Film Board of Canada.