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## SWITZERLAND'S FOREIGN MINISTER TO VISIT CANADA

Foreign Affairs Minister André Ouellet today announced that the Foreign Minister of Switzerland, Flavio Cotti, will visit Ottawa on November 8, 1995.

Mr. Ouellet will discuss with Mr. Cotti Switzerland's priorities for its chairmanship of the Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe (OSCE), which will start in December.

"The OSCE has done extremely useful work on the advancement of human rights and democratic development, and on the peaceful settlement of disputes," said Mr. Ouellet. "Canada encourages the OSCE to continue promoting security in Europe, and with this in mind, I will be discussing with Mr. Cotti, among other topics, the situation in the former Yugoslavia."

The OSCE is a multilateral political forum involving Canada, the United States and 52 European and Central Asian countries. The Organization has deployed a number of conflict prevention missions to facilitate dialogue between warring parties, monitor human rights violations and promote peace. There are currently such missions in Chechnya and three states of the former Yugoslavia.

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