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## McDOUGALL TO ATTEND CSCE MEETING AND TO HOLD TALKS IN GERMANY

The Secretary of State for External Affairs, the Honourable Barbara McDougall, will attend the opening of the Fourth Follow-up Meeting of the Conference on Security and Co-operation in Europe (CSCE) on March 24 in Helsinki. Mrs. McDougall will then go to Germany for talks with German Foreign Minister Hans-Dietrich Genscher.

The Minister said that in Helsinki the CSCE will examine ways to prevent and resolve conflict and to promote democratic development in Europe. She noted that this meeting will lay the groundwork for the upcoming CSCE Summit in July.

CSCE Foreign Ministers will also hold a special meeting to discuss the conflict in Nagorno-Karabakh. Earlier this week, Mrs. McDougall announced that Canada is providing a Canadian Forces Challenger jet to take a CSCE-sponsored group of experts to the region to begin mediation efforts.

While in Helsinki, Mrs. McDougall will sign the Open Skies Treaty. Canada hosted the first of the Treaty's negotiating sessions and played a leading role in testing the workability of the Treaty's provisions.

Mrs. McDougall will travel to Germany on a working visit March 25 and 26, at the invitation of Mr. Genscher. They will discuss a range of issues including this summer's G-7 meeting in Munich, Canada-EC relations, European security and bilateral relations. Mrs. McDougall will be visiting the eastern region of Germany, including Halle, Mr. Genscher's home town.

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