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SECRETARY OF STATE STEWART VISITS TANZANIA

Foreign Affairs Minister André Ouellet today announced that Secretary of State (Latin America and Africa), Christine Stewart, is visiting Tanzania, May 24-27. Mrs. Stewart will participate in a number of events to mark the renewal and diversification of Canada's bilateral relations with that country.

"I am pleased to be here at this important juncture," said Mrs. Stewart. "Changes in Tanzania's political and economic environment are contributing to the evolution of our relationship. In addition to re-launching development assistance, I will explore with my Tanzanian counterparts measures to encourage greater bilateral trade and investment." In this context, Mrs. Stewart noted that a number of Canadian mining companies are prospecting in Tanzania.

Mrs. Stewart is expected to meet with the Tanzanian President, Ali Hassan Mwinyi, the Prime Minister, Cleopa David Msuya, and senior cabinet ministers including the Minister of Foreign Affairs and the Minister of State for Planning. Policy issues to be discussed include ways Canada can assist Tanzania in the search for peace and stability in Central Africa and facilitate the repatriation of refugees to Rwanda and Burundi.

During her visit, Mrs. Stewart will tour camps for Rwandan refugees in Ngara District and visit a number of Canadian-funded projects, including a remand centre for juveniles and a women's credit union.

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