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## McDOUGALL ATTENDS MEETING OF NATO FOREIGN MINISTERS IN COPENHAGEN JUNE 6-7

The Secretary of State for External Affairs, the Honourable Barbara McDougall, today announced she will attend the NATO North Atlantic Council Meeting of Foreign Ministers in Copenhagen, June 6-7, 1991.

"The dramatic changes in Europe and the recent Gulf hostilities underscore the central importance of maintaining the NATO Alliance as an anchor of stability in the North Atlantic region," the Minister stated. "NATO remains a vital forum for consultations on a wide range of issues affecting the security of all of its members."

In Copenhagen, Foreign Ministers will assess progress made on their July 1990 London Summit commitment to transform the Alliance and adapt the organization to the post-Cold War context. Ministers will note recent decisions taken by NATO Defence Ministers during their deliberations on May 28-29 in Brussels.

Discussions on recent international developments, arms control issues and the Conference on Security and Co-operation in Europe (CSCE) process are also central to the Council's agenda in Copenhagen.

"In the spirit of last year's London Declaration, Canada attaches particular importance to NATO's development of strong links with Central and Eastern Europe, and the U.S.S.R.," said Mrs. McDougall. "These will benefit all our countries in Europe and North America."

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