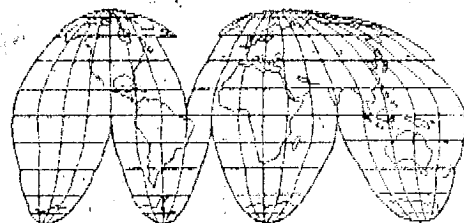


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McDougall and Crosbie Welcome UN High Seas Conference Decision

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The Secretary of State for External Affairs, the Honourable Barbara McDougall, and the Minister of Fisheries and Oceans, the Honourable John Crosbie, welcomed the decision by the United Nations General Assembly to convene an International Conference on High Seas Fishing in April in New York. A second session will follow in July, and the Conference should aim to complete its work by the fall of 1994. "This Conference will provide a long overdue opportunity to develop rules for the management of high seas fisheries, in accordance with principles of conservation and sustainable development," Mrs. McDougall said. "The International High Seas Fishing Conference is one of the recommendations of Agenda 21, the blueprint for sustainable development in the 21st century, adopted in June by the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development (UNCED)," Mrs. McDougall pointed out.

McDougall Comments on UN Secretary-General's Report on Somalia

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The Secretary of State for External Affairs, the Honourable Barbara McDougall, noted that the Secretary-General of the United Nations, Boutros Boutros-Ghali, had submitted a report to the United Nations Security Council pursuant to the Security Council's Resolution 794. In this context, she expressed her satisfaction that the Canadian troops involved in "Operation Deliverance," mandated by Resolution 794, are making a significant contribution toward the objective of the mission. "It will not be good enough to feed the starving populations if armed gangs are in a position to move back in, immediately after the task force has departed," said the Minister.

McDougall Expresses Concern about Serbian Elections

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The Secretary of State for External Affairs, the Honourable Barbara McDougall, issued a statement on the former Yugoslavia: The elections of December 20, 1992 for the Presidency of Serbia and for the federal parliament and republican assemblies in Serbia and Montenegro provided an opportunity for change. Regrettably, the conditions in which these elections were held were seriously flawed. Reports from the team of international observers, which included four Canadians, found numerous and grave irregularities during the campaign and during the voting. There is considerable doubt whether the outcome is a free expression of the will of the electorate. There is no indication that the destructive policies that have led to much of the present crisis will change. Canada continues to believe strongly that attempts to stop the violence and suffering, and to ensure it does not spread further, require the full engagement of the United Nations.

**Upcoming Events**

January 1993:	Canada-Mexico Joint Ministerial Meeting (Ottawa)
January 4, 1993:	GATT Talks resume (Geneva)
February 1993:	Meeting of the Working Group on Refugees (Oslo)
June 14-25, 1993:	World Conference on Human Rights (Vienna)

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