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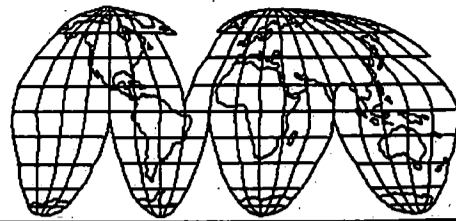
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**FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND INTERNATIONAL TRADE:
PRESS RELEASES:**

Canadians Appointed to Roster for NAFTA Dispute Settlement Panels

June 21, 1995, no. 118

The Honourable Roy MacLaren, Minister for International Trade, announced the appointment of additional members to the roster of Canadians serving as panelists for the binational dispute settlement mechanisms established under Chapter 19 of the North American Free Trade Agreement. This chapter provides for binding binational panel dispute settlement in antidumping and countervailing duty cases.

Ouellet Applauds Work of Foreign Affairs Teams

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Foreign Affairs Minister André Ouellet presented certificates of merit commending the outstanding efforts of those who worked to extend the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT) and those who worked on the Halifax G-7 Summit. "Thanks to their dedication, enthusiasm and hard work, Canada's efforts in these two important areas were crowned with success," said Mr. Ouellet.

MacLaren to Attend First Western Hemisphere Trade Ministerial

June 28, 1995, no. 116

The Honourable Roy MacLaren, Minister for International Trade, announced that he will attend the first Western Hemisphere Trade Ministerial in Denver, Colorado, on June 30. At the Summit of the Americas last December in Miami, elected heads of government pledged to negotiate a free trade area of the Americas by 2005 and directed their ministers responsible for trade to meet by June 1995. "This meeting is a critical 'first step' toward negotiating a free trade area of the Americas. Canada strongly supports this initiative as it will increase our individual and collective prosperity and strengthen the drive toward greater trade liberalization worldwide," said Mr. MacLaren. Ministers are expected to agree on a program of preparatory work to be completed by officials prior to their next meeting in March 1996. They will also review the work undertaken to date by regional fora, including a preliminary report from the Organization of American States' Special Committee on Trade.

**Canada Commemorates the 50th Anniversary of Signing
of United Nations Charter**

June 23, 1995, no. 115

Foreign Affairs Minister André Ouellet announced that Canada will join with other UN member states in commemorating the 50th anniversary of the signing of the United Nations Charter, on June 26 in San Francisco. "We are proud of the role Canada has played in making the UN the premier forum for international co-operation," said Mr. Ouellet. "Its establishment in 1945 followed the most devastating conflict humankind has ever known and many thought it would never succeed. Outstanding Canadians such as Lester Pearson, Norman Robertson, George Ignatieff, Louis Rasminsky, J.L. Delisle, Charles Ritchie, John Holmes, Escott Reid, General A.G.L. McNaughton and John Humphries dedicated themselves to the aspirations outlined in the UN Charter. Since then, thousands of Canadians — peacekeepers, medical personnel, technical experts, human rights observers and diplomats — have followed their example." Mr. Ouellet noted that while this anniversary offers a chance to reflect on the many outstanding achievements of the UN since 1945, it also provides an opportunity to consider ways to make the institution more responsive to the needs of the post-Cold War era. "Canada is working diligently to assist the UN in its efforts to become more effective in meeting the challenges it faces in the next 50 years," he added.

CIDA

Canada Provides Food Aid to Armenia and Georgia

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Canada will provide food aid to Armenia and Georgia, Foreign Affairs Minister André Ouellet announced today. "This assistance will help meet the essential needs of people suffering from food shortages as a result of conflict between ethnic groups and economic upheaval in these two countries since their independence," Mr. Ouellet said. The \$1 million contribution by the Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA) will be used to ship 1 100 metric tons of wheat flour and 220 metric tons of pulses. The shipment will reach Georgia next month, when part of it will be forwarded to Armenia by rail. The United Nations World Food Program (WFP) will manage the food shipment to Georgia, as well as distribution to target groups in both countries. The Canadian contribution will support the WFP's efforts to assist some 250 000 Armenians and 480 000 Georgians who are among the most vulnerable groups, including refugees, women and children, the disabled, the elderly, and the families that receive them.