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## QUELLET ANNOUNCES NEW APPOINTMENTS TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE ASIA PACIFIC FOUNDATION OF CANADA

Foreign Affairs Minister André Ouellet today announced three appointments to the Board of Directors of the Asia Pacific Foundation of Canada. Michael E.J. Phelps of North Vancouver, British Columbia, was appointed as Chairman, effective July 23, 1994, when the outgoing Chairman, Arthur Hara, O.C., completes his third term. Jacques Bougie, of Outremont, Quebec, and Pierre Choquette, of Calgary, Alberta, were appointed Directors. The new appointments are for a period of three years.

Prime Minister Jean Chrétien, Mr. Ouellet and Secretary of State (Asia-Pacific) Raymond Chan will meet with the Board of Directors today to discuss the Foundation's achievements to date and their plans for the future. The general Board of Directors meeting will be held tomorrow, June 22, 1994.

The Asia Pacific Foundation of Canada (APF), created in 1984 by an Act of Parliament, is a private non-profit organization jointly funded by the federal and provincial governments, with additional financial support from the private sector. The Foundation was established to promote closer ties between the peoples and institutions of Canada and those of the Asia Pacific region. Programs have been established by the Foundation to carry out this mandate and to further Canada's economic interests in the Asia Pacific region.

In 1989, the APF was selected as an implementing agency for the federal government's "Pacific 2000" strategy, which has three major components: the Pacific Business Strategy, the Japan Science and Technology Fund, and the Language and Awareness Program. The APF has recently embarked on a new five-year plan which will renew and refocus its efforts to ensure that its programming remains innovative and effective.

Biographies of the new Chairman and the new Directors are attached.

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