News Release

August 30, 1995   **No. 153**

CO-CHAIRS ANNOUNCED FOR SECOND ANNUAL NATIONAL FORUM ON CANADA'S INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

Foreign Affairs Minister André Ouellet, Defence Minister David Collenette and International Trade Minister Roy MacLaren today announced that Wilfrid Laurier University President and Vice-Chancellor Lorna Marsden and Northern Telecom President and Chief Executive Officer Jean Monty will act as co-chairpersons of the Second Annual National Forum on Canada's International Relations to be held September 10-11, 1995, in Toronto.

This year's Forum is being organized by a consortium of Toronto institutions active in the field of foreign policy, led by the University of Toronto's Centre for International Studies. Some 90 people from across Canada, connected to business, labour, academia, the media, Aboriginal affairs, government and non-governmental organizations are expected to participate. Each has been invited on the basis of knowledge and experience.

The theme of the 1995 Forum is *Canada and International Institutions: Meeting the Challenges of the Twenty-First Century*. The Forum will provide an opportunity for Canadians to consider and offer views on the effectiveness of international institutions in preventing conflict, responding rapidly to new and existing conflicts and peace-building. These three elements will be examined from the standpoints of trade and economic relations, sustainable development, peace and security, and culture and communications.

The National Forum provides an opportunity for ongoing public input to the Government's foreign policy review process. The purpose of the process is to ensure that foreign policy is formulated with public input and that implementation can benefit from ongoing assessment in an era of constant change in the international environment.

- 30 -

For further information, media representatives may contact:

Media Relations Office
Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade
(613) 995-1874