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OUELLET TO PARTICIPATE IN MINISTERIAL CONFERENCE OF LA FRANCOPHONIE IN BURKINA FASO

Foreign Affairs Minister André Ouellet announced today that he will head the Canadian delegation to the Ministerial Conference of La Francophonie to be held in Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso, from December 8 to 10.

This fourth Ministerial Conference will give the member countries of La Francophonie an opportunity to examine the administration and programs of the Agency for Cultural and Technical Co-operation (ACCT) on the occasion of the 26th meeting of its Board of Directors. It will also allow them to study the progress report of the Permanent Council of La Francophonie, which is responsible for ensuring follow-up to the October 1993 Mauritius Summit and for laying the groundwork for the Cotonou Summit taking place in Benin in November 1995.

Mr. Ouellet will engage in bilateral talks with delegation heads of other member countries and with ACCT Secretary-General Jean-Louis Roy.

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