

Canada Concerned with Conduct of Recent Cameroon Elections

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At the request of the Cameroon authorities, the Honourable Monique Landry, Minister for External Relations and International Development, met on November 17 with a delegation led by Francis Nkwain, Minister Delegate to the Foreign Minister of Cameroon. The delegation's intent was to explain Cameroon's October 11 presidential elections and their aftermath. Mrs. Landry expressed her satisfaction that multi-party elections had finally been held in Cameroon, but added, "I am disappointed with the irregularities that have tainted the electoral process in Cameroon."

Statements

One thing is certain. Canada does not have the means or the power to settle every dispute, to correct every injustice or to feed all the world's starving, but we must remain faithful to the values that have inspired our foreign policy, namely:

- *the promotion and protection of fundamental individual human rights;*
- *the development of democratic values and institutions;*
- *the establishment of "good government," that is, responsible decision-making by governments, supported by responsive public administrations; and*
- *the dismantling of barriers to international trade, in order to expand the world's prosperity base.*

We can continue to play a leading part in the world if we are well organized and willing to work with other countries. The keys to success will be co-operation and dialogue, not only internationally, but within our society. It is essential that we in government have the ideas, viewpoints and expertise of Canadians such as yourselves.

An Address by the Honourable Barbara McDougall, Secretary of State for External Affairs, at a seminar of the Centre Québécois des relations internationales "Peacekeeping and the Limits of Sovereignty", (Quebec City, Quebec, December 2, 1992, No. 92/58, As Delivered).

Upcoming Events:

December 14-15, 1992:	CSCE Council of Foreign Ministers Meeting (Stockholm)
December 17-18, 1992:	North Atlantic Council Ministerial Meeting (Brussels)
January 1993:	Canada-Mexico Joint Ministerial Meeting (Ottawa)
February 1993:	Meeting of the Working Group on Refugees (Oslo)
June 14-25, 1993:	World Conference on Human Rights (Vienna)

Note: "As a cost saving measure, we did not publish "This Week in Trade and Foreign Policy" last week, since there were too few items issued. Please be advised that we will continue to follow this practice in the future, when warranted.

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