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## OFFICIAL VISIT TO WASHINGTON BY MR. OUELLET

Foreign Affairs Minister André Ouellet will meet with U.S. Secretary of State Warren Christopher and with key members of Congress in Washington, February 24 and 25.

"I intend to take advantage of my first official visit to Washington to outline the approach we intend to follow in our bilateral relations, one based on close co-operation where our interests coincide, and mutual respect where our opinions differ," said Mr. Ouellet.

The Minister added that Canada and the United States face enormous challenges: domestically, to create jobs and promote economic growth; internationally, to cope with an unstable and rapidly changing world.

During his visit to Washington, Mr. Ouellet will have a working luncheon with Mr. Christopher, at which time the two will discuss major bilateral and global issues, in particular Bosnia and Haiti, aid for Ukraine, and United Nations reform.

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