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MAURICE STRONG TO DELIVER FOREIGN POLICY LECTURE

The Secretary of State for External Affairs, the Honourable Barbara McDougall, today announced that Maurice Strong, most recently Secretary-General of the United Nations Conference on the Environment and Development, will deliver the second annual O.D. Skelton Memorial Lecture on November 10, in Vancouver.

Mr. Strong has chosen "Beyond Rio: A New Role for Canada?" as the topic for the lecture, which is being co-sponsored by the Vancouver Institute at the University of British Columbia and External Affairs and International Trade Canada.

"As a distinguished Canadian with longstanding ties to this country's public and private sectors and an individual internationally renowned for his efforts regarding environmental and sustainable development issues, Mr. Strong is uniquely qualified to deliver this year's lecture," said Mrs. McDougall.

The lecture series encourages a scholarly examination of topics within the general subject of Canada's international relations. Inaugurated in December 1991, it honours Dr. O.D. Skelton, who was a prime architect of the Department of External Affairs and of Canadian foreign policy.

Described by one of Canada's foremost historians as the most influential civil servant in Canadian history, Dr. Skelton helped to define a distinct Canadian foreign policy as Under-Secretary of State for External Affairs from 1925 until his death in 1941. He was also responsible for recruiting a number of notable Canadians to Ottawa, including Georges Vanier, Jules Leger and Lester B. Pearson.

Mr. Strong's lecture will be published and made available by External Affairs and International Trade Canada.

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