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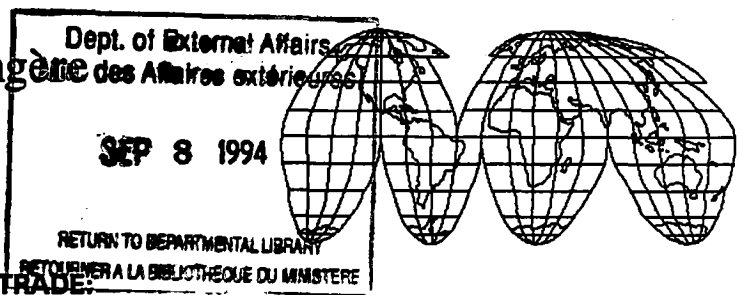
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PRESS RELEASES:

Governor General to Visit Hong Kong

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His Excellency the Right Honourable Ramon John Hnatyshyn, Governor General and Commander in Chief of Canada, will pay an official visit to Hong Kong from April 29 to May 2, 1994. The Governor General will be accompanied by the Honourable Ralph Goodale, Minister of Agriculture and Agri-Food, and a delegation representing some of Canada's leading agri-food industries. Hong Kong has become a major source of Canadian immigration and investment in recent years. The Governor General's visit highlights the value Canada places upon the dynamic Hong Kong market, and underlines Canada's support for Hong Kong during the period of transition leading to 1997. The Government of Canada is committed to helping ensure Hong Kong's long-term stability and prosperity.

Canada to Host Meeting on UN Peacekeeping

April 26, 1994, No. 83

Foreign Affairs Minister André Ouellet announced that Canada will host a meeting from April 29 to May 1, 1994, to support the United Nations (UN) efforts to strengthen its ability to plan, mount and conduct peacekeeping operations. The event will bring together senior UN officials and representatives of 23 UN member states. "Peacekeeping is an important element of Canadian foreign policy, and we have been a leader in international efforts to strengthen UN peacekeeping. This meeting will help the UN realize its long-term strategy for improvement in this crucial area of international peace and security," said Mr. Ouellet. Mr. Ouellet added that participants will not focus on specific peacekeeping missions, but rather the overall political and institutional framework within which peacekeeping is conducted. The meeting comes as a response to Secretary-General Boutros Boutros-Ghali's call for member states to participate in UN peacekeeping reforms.

Conference on the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States

April 25, 1994, No. 82

Foreign Affairs Minister André Ouellet announced that the Parliamentary Secretary to the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of the Environment, Clifford Lincoln, MP, will lead the Canadian delegation at the high-level segment of the United Nations Global Conference on the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States in Bridgetown, Barbados, May 5-6. The Ambassador for the Environment, John Fraser, PC, QC, will lead the Canadian delegation from April 25 to May 4. The Conference opens April 25 and concludes May 6. "I welcome the opportunity to lead the Canadian delegation to the Barbados Conference. Sustainable development requires international co-operation, and I am confident that this conference will result in the adoption of a practical and implementable program of action that responds to the particular environmental challenges faced by island states," Mr. Lincoln said.

Government of Canada Announces Contribution to East-West Enterprise Exchange Program

April 25, 1994, No. 81

Foreign Affairs Minister André Ouellet today announced a contribution to support York University's East/West Enterprise Exchange Program as part of the Government's continuing efforts to support economic reform in Central and Eastern Europe and the former Soviet Union. The technical assistance project will provide management and business development training to business representatives from the region. "The private sector will act as the engine for economic growth in Central and Eastern Europe and the former Soviet Union. This program provides critical business management training to support the region's emerging private sector, and to promote enhanced Canadian trade and investment links with the region," said Mr. Ouellet. Over the course of the three-year project, to which the Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade will contribute \$2.7 million, 120 business delegates annually will complete a seven-week training program in Canada.

Ouellet Announces Visit to Canada of New Zealand Foreign Minister

April 22, 1994, No. 80

Foreign Affairs Minister André Ouellet announced that the Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister of New Zealand, Donald McKinnon, will pay an official visit to Canada on April 25 and 26. While in Ottawa, Mr. McKinnon will meet with Prime Minister Jean Chrétien as well as with Mr. Ouellet. "These visits will give us an opportunity to exchange viewpoints on numerous issues of common interest, such as the Asia-Pacific region and the Commonwealth," said Mr. Ouellet. "Since New Zealand currently occupies the presidency of the United Nations Security Council, we will also be discussing crucial issues such as the situation in Bosnia."

Governor General Pays State Visit to the People's Republic of China

April 22, 1994, No. 79

His Excellency the Right Honourable Ramon John Hnatyshyn, Governor General and Commander in Chief of Canada, will pay a state visit to the People's Republic of China from April 24 to April 29, 1994. The Governor General will be accompanied by the Honourable Ralph Goodale, Minister of Agriculture and Agri-Food, and a delegation representing some of Canada's leading agri-food industries. The visit underlines the importance Canada places on strengthened political and economic relationships within the Asia-Pacific community, Canada's largest and most active area for source of trade outside North America. China, in particular, is a growing superpower whose future development will have considerable impact in areas of concern to Canada, including international disarmament, the environment, the development of democratic and legal institutions, and regional security.