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VISIT OF THE MINISTER FOR EXTERNAL RELATIONS TO CENTRAL AMERICA

As was announced by the Prime Minister in the House of Commons on April 22, 1985, the Honourable Monique Vézina, P.C., M.P., Minister for External Relations, will be travelling to Costa Rica, Nicaragua and El Salvador from June 2 to 9, 1985. (Costa Rica June 3-4; Nicaragua June 5-6; El Salvador June 7-8.)

In her capacity as Minister responsible for the Canadian International Development Agency, Mme Vézina will take this opportunity to discuss Canada's development assistance and other programmes for the region. She will meet with leaders of each country to discuss bilateral and multilateral issues of mutual concern, visit a number of projects linked to Canada's aid programme and sign a number of new agreements to further Canadian development cooperation with Central American countries.

This visit will serve to confirm Canada's support for the Contadora peace initiative and Mme Vézina will discuss with her Central American counterparts the prospects for a settlement of regional tensions.

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