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## OUELLET TO DISCUSS WIDE RANGE OF UN ISSUES DURING EUROPEAN VISIT

Foreign Affairs Minister André Ouellet today announced that he will visit seven European cities in early September to lay the groundwork for action on a number of UN-related issues, notably United Nations reform, conflicts in the former Yugoslavia, recommendations to improve the UN's rapid reaction capability and the reduction of military expenditures by developing countries. He will also discuss bilateral issues with his European hosts and explore further opportunities for transatlantic co-operation.

Between August 31 and September 8, 1995, the Minister will visit St. Petersburg (Russia), Riga (Latvia), Oslo (Norway), Stockholm (Sweden), Copenhagen (Denmark), London (the United Kingdom) and Amsterdam (the Netherlands).

Mr. Ouellet will meet with his counterparts in Norway, Sweden, Denmark, the U.K. and the Netherlands. Discussions are expected to centre on Bosnia, peacekeeping and the Canadian study on the UN rapid reaction capability. In London, he will also discuss preparations for the Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting being held this fall in New Zealand.

In Latvia, Mr. Ouellet and Latvia's Foreign Minister will continue discussions begun in April this year, when the latter visited Canada. Discussions are expected to centre on regional integration, NATO expansion and Canada's program of technical co-operation.

In St. Petersburg, Mr. Ouellet will be joined by representatives of Canadian companies who are pursuing business opportunities worth some \$300 million in the region. The Russian market holds considerable potential for Canadian goods, expertise and services. Twenty-five Canadian companies are currently active in the St. Petersburg region.

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