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THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS  
TO ATTEND FOREIGN MINISTERS' PREPARATORY MEETING  
FOR NORTH-SOUTH SUMMIT

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The Secretary of State for External Affairs, the Hon. Mark MacGuigan, announced today that he will attend the Foreign Ministers' preparatory meeting for the North-South Summit. The preparatory meeting, which follows two earlier meetings hosted by Austria in Vienna, will take place in Cancun, Mexico, August 1-2. Its purpose will be to decide upon the preparations for the Summit of Heads of Government, scheduled for October 22-23, also in Cancun.

The Foreign Ministers of the following countries which have been invited to participate in the Summit are expected to attend the August meeting: Algeria, Austria, Bangladesh, Brazil, China, Federal Republic of Germany, France, Guyana, India, Ivory Coast, Japan, Mexico, Nigeria, Philippines, Saudi Arabia, Sweden, Tanzania, United Kingdom, United States, Venezuela, and Yugoslavia.

Canada's main objective at the meeting will be to ensure that the Summit of Heads of Government is structured so as to allow leaders the opportunity for a free and frank discussion of the key problems in the North-South dialogue.