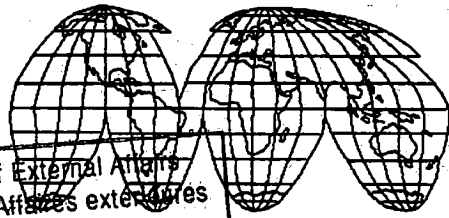


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Foreign Affairs Minister André Ouellet called on all countries to follow Canada's example and impose sanctions recommended by the Organization of American States to make the embargo on Haiti total and universal. He also urged the international community to provide generous humanitarian assistance for Haiti's needy. At a bilateral meeting with Haitian President Jean-Bertrand Aristide on January 24, the Minister reaffirmed that Canada will pursue vigorously the restoration of democracy in Haiti, to ensure the President's safe return and the establishment of the rule of law. In his meeting with President Aristide, Mr. Ouellet announced an additional \$10.8 million in food aid and assistance to health and democratic development.

Ouellet Deplores Disturbances in LesothoJanuary 21, 1994, No. 12

Foreign Affairs Minister André Ouellet underscored Canada's support for the democratically elected government of Lesotho, and expressed concern over the breakdown of military discipline in the country. "The violent actions of a small group of soldiers should not be allowed to place Lesotho's recent return to democracy at risk. Canada supports the efforts of the Lesotho government to bring this crisis to a peaceful end," Mr. Ouellet said.

MacLaren and Tobin Welcome Change in France's Labelling Requirement for Canadian ScallopsJanuary 21, 1994, No. 11

The Honourable Roy MacLaren, Minister for International Trade, and the Honourable Brian Tobin, Minister of Fisheries and Oceans, welcomed France's latest decision concerning the labelling of Canadian scallops being sold in France. "We welcome the French decision, which will ensure that our exporters of scallops will not suffer from lower prices in the French market," Mr. MacLaren said. "But we will continue to press the French government to make this designation permanent."

Canadians Appointed to Roster for NAFTA Dispute Settlement PanelsJanuary 20, 1994, No. 10

International Trade Minister Roy MacLaren and Finance Minister Paul Martin announced the appointment of a roster of Canadians to serve as panelists for the binational dispute settlement mechanisms established under Chapter 19 of the North American Free Trade Agreement. This chapter provides for binding binational panel dispute settlement in antidumping and countervailing duty cases.

Secretary of State Stewart to Visit Mozambique, Botswana and South AfricaJanuary 20, 1994, No. 9

Foreign Affairs Minister André Ouellet announced that Secretary of State (Latin America and Africa) Christine Stewart will visit Mozambique, Botswana and South Africa January 24 to February 3, 1994. In Botswana, she will lead the Canadian delegation to the annual Consultative Conference of the Southern African Development Community (SADC). She will make a brief visit to Mozambique before and a more extended tour of South Africa after the SADC conference. "Mrs. Stewart's participation in this year's SADC conference and her visits to Mozambique and South Africa will underscore Canadian support for Southern Africa at a time of tremendous change and uncertainty," Mr. Ouellet said.

MacLaren to Lead Trade Mission to South AfricaJanuary 20, 1994, No. 8

The Honourable Roy MacLaren, Minister for International Trade, will lead a Canadian trade mission to South Africa, January 30 to February 3. This visit is the first by a Canadian cabinet minister and the first high-level business mission since Canada lifted trade and financial sanctions in September 1993. Mr. MacLaren's visit will highlight the strong potential for increased trade and investment between the two countries. He will be accompanied by representatives of Canadian companies from the manufacturing, high-technology and financial services sectors. "The abolition of apartheid and the adoption of a non-racial, democratic constitution have created a climate favourable for growth in new business between Canada and South Africa," Mr. MacLaren said. "Through this trade mission we will seek to ensure that Canadians are actively engaged in the economic expansion that will accompany these important reforms." Mr. MacLaren will be joined on February 1 by the Honourable Christine Stewart, Secretary of State (Latin America and Africa), and together they will meet leading figures from the South African government and democratic opposition.

MacLaren to Attend World Economic Forum in Davos, SwitzerlandJanuary 20, 1994, No. 7

The Honourable Roy MacLaren, Minister for International Trade, will attend the annual Symposium of the World Economic Forum (WEF) in Davos, Switzerland, January 27 to 30, 1994. Mr. MacLaren will be a panelist in the official session on the North American Free Trade Agreement and the European Community together with Sir Leon Brittan, Vice-President of the Commission of the European Community, U.S. Congressman Jim Kolbe, and Mexico's Secretary of Commerce and Industrial Development, Jaime Serra Puche. "I welcome the opportunity to meet world and regional economic leaders as well as executives of companies and organizations to exchange ideas on Canada's trade and economic relations with our trade partners. This is a particularly propitious time for such discussions in light of the positive world trade atmosphere created by the recently concluded Uruguay Round," the Minister said.