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SECRETARY OF STATE FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
TO ATTEND SUMMIT MEETING IN VIENNA
AND PAY OFFICIAL VISIT TO HUNGARY

The Secretary of State for External Affairs, Dr. Mark MacGuigan, will be in Vienna March 12 to 15 to to attend a meeting of Foreign Ministers of eleven "coorganizers" of the proposed North-South Summit.

In November 1980, Foreign Ministers tentatively agreed to the convening of such a summit in Mexico subject to further consideration at this second meeting. The purpose of the summit would be to discuss the issues involved in the dialogue between developed and developing countries and to consider ways in which international economic cooperation can be intensified.

Following his visit to Vienna, the Secretary of State for External Affairs will pay an official visit to Hungary March 16 to 18, 1981, in response to an invitation from the Government of the Hungarian People's Republic.

Canada's bilateral relations with Hungary have progressed rapidly and favourably since diplomatic relations were established in 1964, notably in the consular and economic fields. The forthcoming visit will provide an opportunity to review the state of Canada's bilateral relationship with Hungary and to explore ways for its further expansion. It will also allow both sides to exchange views on those international issues of mutual interest.

During his visit, Dr. MacGuigan will open the "Forrestall" art exhibit in Budapest, the first major cultural event sponsored by Canada in Hungary.