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OUELLET DEPLORES CHINESE NUCLEAR TEST

Foreign Affairs Minister André Ouellet today deplored the latest in a series of Chinese nuclear tests, conducted at the Lop Nor facility in Sinkiang Province. Mr. Ouellet appealed once again to the Chinese government to refrain from testing, particularly as negotiations on a Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty are underway at the Conference on Disarmament in Geneva.

"Of the five nuclear weapons states, China is the only one that is not participating in the moratorium on nuclear testing. The Chinese Government must recognize that its standing among nations is judged according to the way it carries out its responsibilities. I believe that on this issue, the Chinese Government is out of step with the mood of the world community, which is striving toward a comprehensive test ban," said Mr. Ouellet.

Mr. Ouellet added that the Chinese Ambassador has been called in to discuss Canadian concerns over continued Chinese nuclear testing.

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