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BLONDIN-ANDREW TO ATTEND WORLD YOUTH LEADERSHIP TRAINING SUMMIT

Foreign Affairs Minister André Ouellet today announced that Ethel Blondin-Andrew, Secretary of State (Training and Youth), is attending the World Youth Leadership Training Summit being held at the United Nations in New York, August 28 to September 1, 1995.

Ms. Blondin-Andrew said in her address today to the young people gathered at the Summit: "The stewardship of Planet Earth in the 21st century will require committed people with open minds who can demonstrate leadership through advocacy and action over a wide range of social, economic and political issues. You will be the spokespersons, the advocates and the leaders of a generation with substantial requirements for empowerment as individuals and as a group."

One anticipated outcome of the Summit is a World Commission for Young Leaders, which will investigate ways to allow world youth to provide their perspectives on contemporary global issues and decision-making processes. Ms. Blondin-Andrew noted that young people undertake tremendous responsibilities and must have a say in the decisions that affect their future.

The World Youth Leadership Training Summit, a Canadian initiative, is part of Canada's strong support for the UN. It is being co-ordinated by the UN International Youth Forum at York University in Toronto. The Summit, which honours the 50th anniversary of the founding of the UN, is endorsed by that organization and brings together young leaders from 185 UN member states for a week of plenary sessions and workshops.

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