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SECRETARY OF STATE STEWART TO VISIT GHANA

Foreign Affairs Minister André Ouellet today announced that Secretary of State (Latin America and Africa) Christine Stewart is visiting Ghana, March 26-30. This is the first Ministerial visit to that country since May 1993.

While in Ghana, Mrs. Stewart will meet with President Jerry Rawlings and senior ministers and officials, including those responsible for programs and projects supported by the Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA).

The Secretary of State will travel to the regional centres of Canadian-supported aid projects, including a polytechnic institution in Tamale and a community water project in Wa. She will also be reviewing decentralization, governance and district assembly-level community development initiatives.

"I am delighted to be able to take a first-hand look at these projects. They reflect an important part of our CIDA programming in Africa," said Mrs. Stewart.

The Secretary of State will hold discussions with members of Ghana's civil society, including representatives of democratic development and human rights non-governmental organizations, academics and opposition politicians. She is also expected to meet with Canadian business people in Ghana, most of whom are involved in the mining sector.

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