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McDOUGALL TO VISIT KIEV, MOSCOW AND PRAGUE

The Secretary of State for External Affairs, the Honourable Barabara McDougall, today announced that she will visit Kiev, Moscow and Prague, January 26-31.

On January 26, Mrs. McDougall arrives in Kiev, where she will hold talks with Ukrainian President Leonid Kravchuk and Foreign Minister Anatoly Zlenko. The Minister will sign a declaration establishing diplomatic relations between Canada and the Ukraine.

On January 27, Mrs. McDougall will be at Kiev's Borispil airport to meet the first flight in Canada's \$6-million airlift of humanitarian assistance to the countries of the former U.S.S.R. and the Baltic States.

From Kiev, the Minister travels to Moscow where she will lead the Canadian delegation to the multilateral round of the Middle East peace negotiations, January 28 and 29.

On January 30 and 31, Mrs. McDougall will be in Prague to attend the second meeting of the Council of Ministers of the Conference on Security and Co-operation in Europe (CSCE). The Ministers will discuss recent developments in Europe and preparations for the CSCE follow-up meeting, which will begin in Helsinki, Finland, in March. It is likely that the issue of CSCE membership for some republics of the former Soviet Union will be discussed. Mrs. McDougall will stress Canada's concern about the questions of nuclear non-proliferation and conventional arms transfers, as well as the role of the CSCE in conflict management in Europe.

The Minister will be back in Ottawa on February 1 for Russian President Boris Yeltsin's working visit to Canada.

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