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OUELLET APPLAUDS WORK OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS TEAMS

Foreign Affairs Minister André Ouellet today presented certificates of merit commending the outstanding efforts of those who worked to extend the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT) and those who worked on the Halifax G-7 Summit.

"Thanks to their dedication, enthusiasm and hard work, Canada's efforts in these two important areas were crowned with success," said Mr. Ouellet.

Certificates of merit were presented at a ceremony in Ottawa to 6 of Canada's 11 negotiators for their efforts to extend the NPT, which has been a key Canadian foreign policy priority. Canada's resolution, calling for the treaty's indefinite and unconditional extension, was adopted without a vote on May 11, 1995, at the end of the four-week NPT Review and Extension Conference at the United Nations in New York. Ambassador for Disarmament Chris Westdal and his team were able to enlist over 100 states as co-sponsors of Canada's resolution.

The Minister also recognized the work of the team that organized the Halifax Summit. Mr. Len Edwards, Executive Director of the Halifax Summit Office, received a certificate on behalf of all the employees who helped make the organization of the Summit a success.

"The resounding success of the Summit, from the perspective of the leaders, delegates and citizens of Halifax, attests to the hard work of the Halifax Summit Office under the direction of Len Edwards," said Mr. Ouellet. "Through their efforts, Canada produced a Summit that will set the standard for years to come."

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