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HAITIAN PRESIDENT ARISTIDE TO VISIT CANADA

Foreign Affairs Minister André Ouellet today announced that the President of Haiti, Jean-Bertrand Aristide, will visit Canada from January 24 to 29.

"I look forward to President Aristide's visit to Canada. It will give us the opportunity to solicit his views on how Canada, in concert with the international community, can help drive forward Haiti's return to democracy and his reinstatement as President," Mr. Ouellet said.

President Aristide will meet with Prime Minister Jean Chrétien and with Mr. Ouellet. They will discuss, among other things, the restoration of democracy in Haiti and the return of Mr. Aristide, as well as Haiti's requirements for humanitarian and reconstruction assistance.

During his stay, Mr. Aristide will also meet with Quebec Premier Daniel Johnson and Ontario Premier Bob Rae, as well as with municipal representatives. He will also meet with business and non-governmental development and human rights groups, as well as with leaders of the Canadian-Haitian community.

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