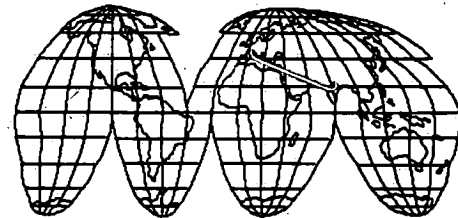


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**FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND INTERNATIONAL TRADE:
PRESS RELEASES:**

Canada Urges Angolan Government to Suspend Military Offensive

November 9, 1994, no. 224

Secretary of State (Latin America and Africa) Christine Stewart, on behalf of Foreign Affairs Minister André Ouellet, today called on the Government of Angola to suspend its military offensive on the UNITA-controlled city of Huambo and urged both sides of the conflict to demonstrate the political will required to conclude a sustainable peace agreement. "We are deeply concerned that the current intensification of military operations in the Huambo area could undermine the progress toward peace achieved during 10 months of negotiations in Lusaka," said Mrs. Stewart. "Squandering this opportunity to end the conflict could be disastrous for a country that has already suffered through two decades of war."

**Ouellet Welcomes Contract Signing in Malaysia
by Bombardier and SNC-Lavalin**

November 9 1994, no. 223

Foreign Affairs Minister André Ouellet today witnessed the signing of an agreement valued at \$939 million between the Renong Group of Malaysia and a Canadian consortium comprising Bombardier and SNC-Lavalin for the construction of a rapid transit system in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. "The successful negotiation of this contract demonstrates that Canadian expertise and equipment in the transportation sector are highly regarded in world markets," Mr. Ouellet said. "Canadian goods in this sector are competitive on all fronts, including cost, quality and reliability, with the world's best." The agreement was signed by Laurent Beaudoin, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Bombardier, Jacques Lamarre, President of SNC-Lavalin's Transportation Group, and Dato'Wira Halim Saad, Chairman of Renong Berhad. SNC-Lavalin and Bombardier estimate that more than 1500 person-years of work will be created by this project in Ontario, British Columbia and Quebec. Other Canadian firms will benefit from the many sub-contracts that this project will generate. SNC-Lavalin and Bombardier anticipate that this contract will also lead to further business in the region.

**Ouellet to Travel to Malaysia and
Indonesia to attend APEC Ministerial**

November 3, 1994, no. 222

Foreign Affairs Minister André Ouellet today announced that he will travel to Asia to attend meetings in Malaysia and Indonesia. On November 8 and 9, Mr. Ouellet will be in Kuala Lumpur where he will hold talks with Malaysian Prime Minister Mahathir bin Mohamad, Foreign Minister Abdullah bin Haji Ahmad Badawi and other Malaysian ministers. Issues to be discussed include expanded general bilateral relations and economic and commercial co-operation. From Kuala Lumpur, Mr. Ouellet flies to Jakarta for the annual Asia-Pacific Economic Co-operation (APEC) ministerial meeting, on November 11 and 12. Discussions will concentrate on enhanced regional trade and investment liberalization and regional security. While in Jakarta, Mr. Ouellet will also hold bilateral talks with a number of APEC foreign ministers.

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We have one common basic purpose: to strengthen our growing links with the Asia-Pacific region and with China in particular. We want to see our commercial relations flourish. . . . Canada is an "old friend" to China. We opened our door to the People's Republic of China when we were among the first to establish diplomatic relations a quarter of a century ago. We have accorded China unconditional most-favoured-nation status for over two decades. Today, we are among the most enthusiastic supporters of China's re-entry to the GATT [General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade] and to membership in the new World Trade Organization. China itself and all its economic partners can only benefit from China's early resumption of membership in the rules-based global trading organization. To that end, Canada has provided a helping hand, but GATT accession depends on further opening of the Chinese economy and a commitment to a schedule of reform of its trade and economic regimes. Indeed, improved access to the Chinese market depends on the predictability, openness and transparency of its underlying trading system. Such reform is not only necessary to meet GATT

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