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TWELFTH GENERAL MINISTERIAL CONFERENCE OF THE  
AGENCY FOR CULTURAL AND TECHNICAL COOPERATION  
OTTAWA, DECEMBER 3, 4 AND 5, 1989

The Secretary of State for External Affairs, the Right Honourable Joe Clark, is pleased to announce that the 12th General Ministerial Conference of the Agence de Coopération culturelle et technique (ACCT) will be held in Ottawa December 3 - 5, 1989.

The Canadian Delegation will be led by the Honourable Lucien Bouchard in his capacity of Minister responsible for Summits and for the ACCT, and will also include the Honourable Monique Landry, Minister for External Relations and International Development, responsible for The Francophonie.

"As one of the founding members of the Agency, Canada welcomes this opportunity to host the Agency's Ministerial Conference," stated Mr. Clark. "The Francophonie is a significant aspect of Canada's foreign policy and the Agency provides an important multilateral forum in which Canada's views can be heard."

At this 12th Conference the ACCT will be confirmed as the secretariat for coordinating action flowing from the Francophonie Summits. The Heads of Government of the Francophonie decided in Dakar last May to give this coordinating responsibility to the Agency.

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