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OUELLET WELCOMES VISIT OF JAMAICAN DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER

Foreign Affairs Minister André Ouellet today announced that Jamaica's Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs and Foreign Trade, Seymour Mullings, will pay a visit to Canada May 16 and 17.

In welcoming the visit, Mr. Ouellet noted that a number of high-level consultations with Jamaica have taken place in the last year, including the visit of Jamaican Prime Minister P.J. Patterson to Canada in July.

"This clearly underlines the excellent relations between our two countries. Jamaica is one of our most important commercial and political partners in the Caribbean," said Mr. Ouellet. He added that the two ministers plan to discuss the follow-up to the Summit of the Americas, issues concerning Haiti and Cuba, and the upcoming Organization of American States (OAS) General Assembly to be held in Port-au-Prince, Haiti, June 5-10.

Mr. Mullings will also meet with International Trade Minister Roy MacLaren to discuss a number of issues including the implementation of the North American Free Trade Agreement and the prospects for a hemispheric free trade agreement.

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