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CANADA-KOREA ARMS CONTROL VERIFICATION TRAINING SEMINAR

The Secretary of State for External Affairs, the Honourable Barbara McDougall, today announced that Canada will host a special conventional forces verification seminar for senior military officials from the Republic of Korea.

From December 14 to 18, 10 Korean military officials will be in Ottawa to undertake a week-long intensive course on conventional forces inspection techniques. The seminar, conducted by officials of the Department of National Defence, Energy, Mines and Resources Canada, and External Affairs and International Trade Canada, is designed to provide concrete support for South Korean efforts to reduce armaments and build confidence on the Korean Peninsula.

"For many years now, Canada has specialized in the field of verification techniques," said Mrs. McDougall. "As part of the government's efforts to prevent excessive conventional arms build-ups worldwide, I am pleased that we can share this information with our Korean colleagues."

Department of National Defence staff have conducted inspections in six countries under the Conventional Forces in Europe (CFE) Treaty and three under the Vienna Document, and have participated in approximately 60 trial inspections with Canada's allies.

This verification seminar, arranged at the request of the Korean government, is the second in a series hosted by Canada. In March 1992, Canada hosted a five-day workshop