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CANADA RE-ELECTED TO THE UNITED NATIONS COMMISSION ON HUMAN RIGHTS

Foreign Affairs Minister André Ouellet welcomes Canada's re-election, for a third consecutive three-year term, to the United Nations Commission on Human Rights. The election took place at the meeting of the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations, yesterday in New York City.

Canada has played an active role in the development and strengthening of UN human rights principles and machinery. The Canadian government has placed particular emphasis on the evolution of effective UN human rights institutions, and played a prominent role in the creation of the new office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights and the recent establishment of the UN Special Rapporteur on Violence against Women.

The Commission is the key co-ordinating and policy body in the field of human rights within the UN system. It consists of representatives from 53 of the UN's member states.

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