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OPENING OF LAVAL PASSPORT OFFICE

The Secretary of State for External Affairs, the Honourable Barbara McDougall, today announced the opening of a new regional passport office in Laval, Quebec. The Minister for External Relations and International Development, the Honourable Monique Landry, will officiate at the inauguration.

The Laval Passport Office is one of five new passport offices scheduled to open across the country in 1992 to provide service to Canadians and to offset the requirement for increased personal appearance of adult applicants.

The office is located at 2550 Daniel-Johnson Boulevard, Room 300, Laval, Quebec.

There are now 25 passport offices across Canada to provide personal service. Additional regional offices will open in Ontario later this year.

The opening of this new office is part of a number of passport security enhancement measures announced by Mrs. McDougall in December of last year.

Some of these measures include increased personal appearance of the applicant, retention of proof of citizenship while the application is being processed, and a review of the list of guarantors eligible to endorse applications.

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