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McDOUGALL TO VISIT RUSSIA

External Affairs Minister Barbara McDougall will be in Moscow February 3-5 for talks with Russian Foreign Minister Andrei Kozyrev. She will also meet with President Boris Yeltsin and other leading government figures.

Mrs. McDougall will discuss a wide range of bilateral and multilateral issues with her Russian hosts, including nuclear non-proliferation, regional conflict, peacekeeping and relations among the countries of the former Soviet Union.

"While there are many pressing issues on the international agenda, it is important to maintain our attention on, and solid support for, democratic development and economic reform in Russia," said Mrs. McDougall. "There are also a number of specific issues I want to discuss; key among them is the situation in the former Yugoslavia."

On Thursday, February 4, Mrs. McDougall will deliver a speech on foreign policy at the Russian Diplomatic Academy.

From Moscow, Mrs. McDougall proceeds to Munich, Germany, to attend the Wehrkunde Conference on February 6. This annual conference attracts senior-level participants, including foreign and defence ministers, to discuss international security issues.

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