

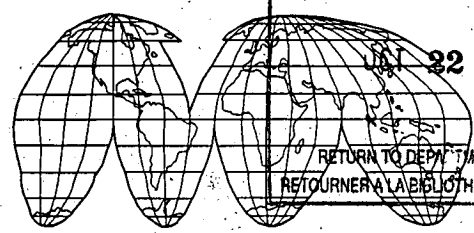
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Canada to Participate in the UN Commission on Human Rights Special Session on the Former Yugoslavia

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The Secretary of State for External Affairs, the Honourable Barbara McDougall, announced that Canada will participate in the special session of the United Nations Commission on Human Rights (UNCHR), August 13-14 in Geneva. The purpose of this first-ever emergency session of the UNCHR is to examine the deteriorating human rights situation in the former-Yugoslavia. The Canadian delegation will be headed by Anne Park, Canada's Head of Delegation to the UNCHR. "The conflict in the former Yugoslavia has led to deplorable acts of violence and to the denial of basic rights and freedoms. The existence of numerous detention camps underlines the gravity of the situation," said Mrs. McDougall. "We want to ensure that these abuses end."

Canadian Objectives Met on North American Free Trade Agreement

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The Honourable Michael Wilson, Minister of Industry, Science and Technology and Minister for International Trade, said that Canada's objectives "have been fully achieved" in the successful negotiation by Canada, the United States and Mexico of a North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA). Mr. Wilson made the announcement in Washington, D.C., following the successful conclusion today of negotiations with his counterparts, U.S. Trade Representative Carla Hills and Mexican Trade Minister Jaime Serra Puche. Canada's primary objectives at the NAFTA negotiations were to secure better access to the Mexican market, safeguard and improve the gains made in the Canada-U.S. Free Trade Agreement (FTA), and maintain Canada as an attractive investment location in North America. "The NAFTA talks have been a success for Canada," Mr. Wilson said. "We have improved parts of the FTA without giving up any of the gains we already achieved under that agreement. With the preferential market access we will now have to both the United States and Mexico, Canada will be even more attractive to potential investors." The legal language of the Agreement will be worked out by experts from all three countries over the next few weeks, but the principles and main elements have been agreed on by the ministers. Following ratification of the Agreement by all three countries, it will come into force on January 1, 1994.

**The full press release and accompanying background, and the following free information on NAFTA is available upon request: NAFTA-An Overview and Description, the NAFTA Partnership, and Highlights of the North American Free Trade Agreement by issue, industry sector and province. To receive this information, please contact the toll-free number listed at the end of this newsletter.

Canada Welcomes Progress Toward Mozambican Cease-Fire

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The Honourable Barbara McDougall and the Minister for External Relations and International Development, the Honourable Monique Landry, welcomed the recent progress toward a cease-fire in Mozambique. Mozambique President Joaquim Chissano and Mozambique National Resistance (RENAMO) President Afonso Dhlakama signed an accord on August 7 in Rome, committing the two parties to resolve all outstanding issues and sign a cease-fire agreement by October 1. "We strongly urge both parties to move quickly toward the signing of a cease-fire agreement to bring an end to the tragic 16-year civil war in Mozambique," said Mrs. McDougall. "A lasting cease-fire would help Canada and other donors to deliver desperately needed relief to the people of Mozambique, who are also facing the worst drought in decades," said Mrs. Landry.