

financial centre for Asia and such an important source of direct investment to Canada, takes a special interest in the domestic situation in my country. ... I know there are foreign investors concerned by the political situation in Canada. Investors should not be worried every time a provincial election is called in Quebec, especially when polls suggest that people in Quebec would choose to stay in Canada. Tensions between provinces and the central government are not unique to Canada; they are part of every federal system. ... We are calm and confident on the eve of the Quebec election. We are fully confident that Premier Johnson can win. And if not, let me remind you that Quebec elected a Parti québécois government in the past, then rejected its separatist proposal in a referendum, then re-elected it some months after that. Polls in Quebec today suggest a very similar duality in the minds of Quebecers. People in Quebec have also been hit hard by the recession. They see that Canada is recovering and I do not think that they are willing to jeopardize the recovery by voting for separation."

Notes for an address by the Honourable André Ouellet, Minister of Foreign Affairs, to the Canadian Chamber of Commerce in Hong Kong and the Chinese-Canadian Association (Hong Kong, August 1, 1994, 94/40)

"... Canada attaches great value to its privileged Dialogue relationship with ASEAN [the Association of Southeast Asian Nations], one of the world's most successful regional organizations. The Canada-ASEAN relationship has become a broad-based political and economic partnership of mutual benefit that has evolved from Canada's early development-focused bilateral contacts with individual ASEAN countries in the 1950s. ... Our development co-operation now encompasses activities in forestry, agriculture, fisheries, marine environment, telecommunications and training. ... At the official or government level, our Dialogue relationship has intensified and the pace of progress has accelerated. At last year's PMC [Post-Ministerial Conference] in Singapore, Canada and ASEAN signed a new Economic Co-operation Agreement to promote closer industrial, commercial and development co-operation. ... As a further indication of the intensification of the Dialogue relationship, meetings of the Canada-ASEAN Joint Co-operation Committee [JCC] this year moved from an 18-month to an annual cycle with the holding of the Ninth JCC in Ottawa in June. ... With the complexity and variety of issues under discussion, Canada regards the JCC as an important venue for policy dialogue with its ASEAN partners in the run-up each year to the G-7 [Group of Seven leading industrialized countries] Summit and the PMC. ... As we will be hosting the next G-7 Summit in Halifax, we especially look forward to hearing your views. We also look forward to sharing views with Brunei as chair of next year's PMC. ... Two-way trade between Canada and ASEAN, now at almost \$5 billion, has more than doubled in the past five years and has tripled over the past decade. While we are confident that trade will expand even further, we are conscious of the need to remain competitive. However, we also need to work with ASEAN for greater mutual trade liberalization to improve market access for goods and services. ... For Canada's part, we view many of the provisions of the NAFTA [North American Free Trade Agreement] as a model of how Canadian and ASEAN markets may be liberalized. For example, we are looking to start negotiations with a number of ASEAN countries on a new Foreign Investment Protection Agreement [FIPA] based on NAFTA principles. ... ASEAN's concerns about investment diversion caused by the NAFTA have been studied and the early evidence is that less than one per cent diversion will occur. ... Canada regards our joint work in APEC [Asia-Pacific Economic Co-operation Forum] and ongoing co-operation with ASEAN in the PMC as complementary and mutually reinforcing. ... It is essential that as APEC evolves it should contain a strong ASEAN. You can count on Canada's support as we co-operate to build APEC as a new bridge across the Pacific."

Notes for an address by the Honourable André Ouellet, Minister of Foreign Affairs, at the ASEAN Post-Ministerial Conference Three Plus One Open Session (Bangkok, Thailand, July 27, 1994, 94/39)

National Defence

Senior Appointments

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"The Minister of National Defence, the Honourable David Collenette, has announced the promotion of four senior Canadian Forces officers to fill vacancies created by retirement: Brigadier General Skip Armstrong, on promotion to Major-General, will be appointed Chief of Personnel Careers and Development at National Defence Headquarters. He is from Newmarket, Ontario and currently resides in Trenton. Brigadier General Wendy Clay, on promotion to Major-General, will be appointed Surgeon General. Brigadier General Clay is the first woman to be promoted to this rank and position. She is from Terrace, British Columbia and currently resides in Ottawa. Naval Captain Mike Shannon, on promotion to Commodore, will be appointed Deputy Surgeon General. Shannon is from Ottawa and currently resides in Picton, Ontario. Naval Captain Ron Buck, on promotion to Commodore, will be appointed Commander of Canadian Forces Training Systems in Trenton, Ontario. Captain Buck is from Montreal and currently resides in Glen Haven, Nova Scotia."

CIDA

Ouellet Announces New Development Policy Framework for China

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"Foreign Affairs Minister André Ouellet ... announced that he has approved a new development policy framework for the Canadian International Development Agency's (CIDA) programs in China. Within the context of this policy, CIDA has identified three environment-focused projects aimed at helping China meet the objectives of its "Agenda 21" priority program. ... The three projects are designed to increase energy efficiency in buildings, create standards for cleaner industrial production, and develop a strategy for ecologically sustainable development of resources in the Tarim Basin. It was also announced today that CIDA will provide a financial contribution to the Human Rights Research and Education Centre (HRREC) of the University of Ottawa to support a project in the area of human rights, international law and human development. The project was developed by the HRREC in collaboration with Beijing University's International Law Institute. It involves joint research between Canadian and Chinese specialists as well as training, academic exchanges and seminars. CIDA will contribute \$300 000 of the total budget of \$450 000. Participating Chinese and Canadian institutions will provide the balance."

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- August 18-28, 1994: Commonwealth Games (Victoria, British Columbia)
- September 5-13, 1994: UN International Conference on Population and Development (Cairo, Egypt)
- October 24, 1994: Launch of United Nations 50th Anniversary Commemoration Activities
- November 25-26, 1994: APEC Ministerial Meeting (Jakarta, Indonesia)

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