

The Department of External Affairs announced today that Mr. Dagfinn Vårvik, the Minister of Foreign Affairs of Norway will pay an official visit to Ottawa on April 13 and 14.

After visiting Ottawa, Mr. Vårvik will spend two days in Edmonton and then pay a private visit to Seattle, Washington before returning to Norway.

On his trip to Ottawa Mr. Vårvik will be accompanied by Mr. Kjell Vibe, Director-General for Political Affairs, Norwegian Ministry of Foreign Affairs, and Mr. Asbjørn Ringen, the Minister's secretary.

-- A brief note on Canada's relations with Norway and a biographic note on Mr. Vårvik are attached.