news release

Date December 30, 1993

No. 238

For release

SECRETARY OF STATE STEWART TO VISIT GUYANA, BOLIVIA AND PERU

Foreign Affairs Minister André Ouellet today announced that Secretary of State (Latin America and Africa) Christine Stewart will visit Guyana, Bolivia and Peru, January 2 to 12, 1994.

"Mrs. Stewart's trip underscores Canada's strong commitment to expanded political and economic ties with Latin America and the Caribbean," Mr. Ouellet said.

"I am returning to a part of the world, which I know well from personal experience," Mrs. Stewart said. "Like many Canadians, I believe that Canada can play a constructive role in promoting democracy and economic development in the region to our mutual benefit."

Mrs. Stewart will visit Georgetown, Guyana, January 3 and 4, where she will meet with President Cheddi Berret Jagan, members of the cabinet, representatives of the Guyanese private sector and senior officials of the Caribbean Community Secretariat.

On January 6, Mrs. Stewart will visit Santa Cruz, Bolivia, and on January 7, La Paz. She will travel to Peru, January 8 to 12, and will meet in Lima with the President of the Council of Ministers, Alfonso Bustamante y Bustamante, and Minister of External Relations Efrian Goldenberg Schreiber.

Mrs. Stewart will visit Canadian International Development Agency projects in all three countries, including Canada's largest aid program in Latin America, located in Peru.

- 30 -

For further information, media representatives may contact:

Media Relations Office Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade (613) 995-1874