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OUELLET TO PAY OFFICIAL VISIT TO THE UNITED NATIONS

Foreign Affairs Minister André Ouellet will make his first official visit outside Canada to the United Nations headquarters in New York on November 10. Mr. Ouellet will meet with UN Secretary-General Boutros Boutros-Ghali, Special UN Representative for Haiti Dante Caputo, and the ambassadors of the five permanent members of the Security Council.

"In visiting the United Nations on my first official visit as Minister I wish to emphasize the importance Canada attaches to the UN and to reiterate our commitment to an institution which plays so vital a role in promoting world peace and security," said Mr. Ouellet.

While in New York, Mr. Ouellet will discuss a broad range of issues, particularly the situation in Haiti and the former Yugoslavia and the need to strengthen the role played by the United Nations in the quest for international peace and stability.

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