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## GERMAN FOREIGN MINISTER IN OTTAWA SEPTEMBER 27

The Secretary of State for External Affairs, the Honourable Barbara McDougall, today announced that the Foreign Minister and Deputy Chancellor of the Federal Republic of Germany, Mr. Hans-Dietrich Genscher, will make a working visit to Ottawa on Friday, September 27. During his visit, Mr. Genscher will hold talks with Mrs. McDougall and Prime Minister Mulroney.

"Canada and Germany share an active interest in the events taking place in the Soviet Union and Yugoslavia," Mrs McDougall said. "I welcome this timely opportunity to meet with an important and valued partner for a review of recent international developments and challenges to peace and security worldwide."

While in Ottawa, Mr. Genscher will unveil a plaque commemorating the "Ottawa Agreement" on German Unity. It was during the first session of the Open Skies Conference, held in Ottawa in February 1990, that the foreign ministers of the Federal Republic of Germany, the German Democratic Republic, the United States, the Soviet Union, the United Kingdom and France met and agreed to launch what became known as the "Two Plus Four Talks." That process eventually led to the peaceful unification of East and West Germany on October 3, 1990.

Mr Genscher will also receive an Honourary Degree from the University of Ottawa for his role as an architect of German unity and a proponent of world peace.

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