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MONIQUE LANDRY ADDRESSES SEVENTH UNITED NATIONS
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GENEVA--External Relations Minister Monique Landry today addressed the Seventh Ministerial Conference of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD VII), held in Geneva on July 15.

UNCTAD Ministerial Conferences, held every four years, are major fora and play a key role in the ongoing dialogue between industrialized and developing countries. This year the agenda covers a number of major international economic issues -- resources for development, trade, commodities and the problems of the least developed countries.

In her statement, Mrs. Landry reaffirmed Canada's commitment to "constructive internationalism" as the cornerstone of Canadian foreign policy. "To us, constructive internationalism means support for multilateral institutions, close cooperation with our main economic partners and an unshakable commitment to development in the Third World." The Minister outlined the many challenges facing both the international community and UNCTAD in the current difficult world economic situation.

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