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OFFICIAL VISIT OF THE HEAD OF THE FEDERAL DEPARTMENT OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF SWITZERLAND, MR. PIERRE AUBERT

At the invitation of Dr. Mark MacGuigan, Canada's Secretary of State for External Affairs, Federal Councillor Pierre Aubert, Head of the Federal Department of Foreign Affairs of Switzerland, will pay an official visit to Canada from April 25 to May 3, 1981. The two ministers will engage in talks in Ottawa on a wide range of bilateral and international matters that are of common interest.

On April 29, Federal Councillor Pierre Aubert will open the exhibition "The Swiss Weeks" in Toronto. He will speak before the Swiss-Canadian Chambers of Commerce in Toronto and Montreal.

The visit by the Head of Switzerland's Federal Department of Foreign Affairs will provide an opportunity to develop, particularly in the official and political spheres, the excellent relations that have always existed between the two countries, and that have to date found expression chiefly in the economic and cultural realms.