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OUELLET TO ATTEND PARIS MEETING ON FORMER YUGOSLAVIA

Foreign Affairs Minister André Ouellet will attend the joint meeting of the Contact Group and the Organization of the Islamic Conference (OIC) Contact Group in Paris, September 7.

This meeting, a joint initiative of France and Morocco, will review the latest developments in the peace process in the former Yugoslavia and help prepare for the September 8 meeting in Geneva of the foreign ministers of Croatia, Bosnia-Herzegovina and the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia (Serbia/Montenegro).

"Canada remains committed to a negotiated settlement of the conflict in the former Yugoslavia and strongly supports the United States' recent initiative to bring the parties to the table. The meeting in Paris is an excellent opportunity to strengthen the peace process," said Mr. Ouellet.

Canada, Italy and Spain will attend the Paris meeting along with the United States, Russia, the United Kingdom, France and Germany. The OIC Contact Group includes Morocco, Egypt, Iran, Malaysia, Pakistan, Saudi Arabia, Senegal and Turkey.

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