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OUELLET TO VISIT WASHINGTON

Foreign Affairs Minister André Ouellet will visit Washington on October 18 to meet with United States Secretary of State Warren Christopher as part of regular consultations between Canada and the United States. Mr. Ouellet will also meet with Secretary of Defense William Perry as well as with members of the U.S. Congress.

Issues to be discussed during his visit include the situation in the former Yugoslavia, proposals for UN reform, including the Canadian study on a rapid reaction capability in UN peacekeeping, as well as matters related to Canada-U.S. relations.

"My visit is an opportunity to provide the Canadian perspective on several bilateral issues and the major foreign policy issues confronting the international community," said Mr. Ouellet.

The most recent bilateral meeting occurred last February when Mr. Christopher came to Ottawa with President Clinton.

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