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## ESTONIAN FOREIGN MINISTER TO VISIT CANADA

Foreign Affairs Minister André Ouellet today announced that Estonian Foreign Minister Juri Luik will visit Ottawa and Toronto on June 27 and 28.

"This is the first visit of a foreign minister from Estonia since the breakup of the Soviet Union. It provides an important opportunity to discuss political and economic developments in the Baltics, as well as the withdrawal of Russian troops from Estonia. It also allows both countries to pursue trade opportunities," said Mr. Ouellet.

Mr. Ouellet and Mr. Luik will sign an Agreement on Trade and Commerce which sets out the the rights, obligations and rules that will govern trade and commercial relations between Canada and Estonia. Under this agreement, each country accords most-favoured-nation status to the other.

In addition to meeting with Mr. Ouellet and officials of the Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade, Mr. Luik will meet with the Minister of Fisheries and Oceans, Brian Tobin, and the Chairman of the Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Trade, Jean-Robert Gauthier. Discussions in Ottawa will focus on trade and investment, technical assistance, peacekeeping and fisheries.

On June 28, Mr. Luik will travel to Toronto for meetings with Canadian companies with interests in Estonia.

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