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CANADA PLACES NEW SANCTIONS ON LIBYA

Foreign Affairs Minister André Ouellet announced today that new economic and financial sanctions would be placed on Libya, in accordance with United Nations Security Council Resolution 883, adopted November 11, 1993. These new sanctions are in addition to the air and military embargo in force since March 31, 1992.

"Canada will not tolerate international terrorism. For this reason, we are joining with the international community in its efforts to induce the Libyan authorities to co-operate fully with the investigations into the downing of the U.S. and French aircraft," said Mr. Ouellet.

The new measures, which take effect today, prohibit:

- providing construction, renovation or upgrading materials or equipment to Libyan airports and related facilities, including engineering and maintenance services, with the exception of rescue material and assistance (equipment and services) directly related to civilian air-traffic control;
- renewing insurance on aircraft registered in or chartered by Libya;
- concluding contracts -- or any other commercial transactions -- with Libyan airlines (Libyan Arab Airlines);
- providing technical aid -- except in emergencies or in connection with civilian air-traffic control -- in relation to both airports and landing strips, to Libyan pilots or other crew members, or to maintenance personnel; and
- supplying specified equipment for use in the refining or transportation of Libyan oil and gas.

Effective today, a freeze will be placed on Libyan public funds and financial resources, with the exception of new bank accounts consisting of export revenues from oil, gas and agricultural products.