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CANADA RE-ELECTED TO THE UNITED NATIONS COMMISSION ON HUMAN RIGHTS

The Secretary of State for External Affairs, the Honourable Barbara McDougall, announced that Canada was re-elected today for another three-year term on the United Nations Commission on Human Rights. The election took place at the meeting of the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations, held in New York City.

"Canada will continue to use its membership on the Commission to speak out strongly about human rights abuses and issues," stated Mrs. McDougall.

The Commission is the key co-ordinating and policy body in the field of human rights within the UN system. It consists of representatives from 53 of the UN's member states. Canada has served on the Commission since 1988.

The head of the Canadian Delegation to the Commission is Ms. Raynell Andreychuk, Ambassador to Portugal. The Commission's next session will be held in February-March, 1992, in Geneva.

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