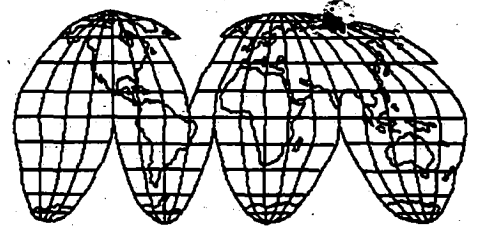


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**MacLaren Welcomes Favourable Extraordinary
Challenge Decision on Softwood Lumber**

August 3, 1994, no. 156

"The Honourable Roy MacLaren, Minister for International Trade, welcomed [the] decision by the Canada-U.S. Free Trade Agreement (FTA) Extraordinary Challenge Committee (ECC) which dismissed U.S. allegations of conflict of interest and incorrect application of U.S. law regarding softwood lumber. The U.S. allegations were the last challenge to the FTA binational panel ruling that Canadian stumpage mechanisms and British Columbia log export controls are not countervailable subsidies. 'This has been a long, costly and hard-fought case. The win was the result of the strong Canadian defence mounted jointly by the industry, the provinces and the federal government,' said Mr. MacLaren. 'We expect the U.S. Administration to implement the ECC's findings as quickly as possible, which will result in refunds, with interest, of the approximately \$800 million in cash deposits that have been paid to date.'"

Ouellet Signs Two Agreements with Hong Kong

August 1, 1994, no. 155

"Foreign Affairs Minister André Ouellet signed in Hong Kong ... two Canada-Hong Kong agreements: a Memorandum of Understanding on Cultural Co-operation, and an extension of the Agreement on the Investigation of Drug Trafficking and Confiscation of the Proceeds of Drug Trafficking. James So, Secretary for Culture and Recreation, and Secretary for Security Alistair P. Asprey, signed on behalf of Hong Kong. 'These agreements are further evidence of the strength and diversity of Canada's relations with Hong Kong. Our social and cultural ties have grown in importance over the years and the agreements we have just signed provide a framework for further expansion of a co-operation that is already at a significant level,' said Mr. Ouellet."

Canada Co-Sponsors UN Resolution on Haiti

July 31, 1994, no. 154

"Foreign Affairs Minister André Ouellet announced ... that the United Nations Security Council, acting on the advice of the Friends of Haiti, has passed a resolution that authorizes the international community to use all necessary means to restore Haiti's democratically elected President. ... Canada co-sponsored the resolution with the United States, Argentina and France. The resolution authorizes member states to form a multinational force and to use all necessary means to implement the terms of the Governor's Island Agreement, including the departure of the *de facto* leaders, the return of President Jean-Bertrand Aristide, and the deployment of the United Nations Mission to Haiti (UNMIH). The agreement also extends the UNMIH mandate for six more months and increases the size of the UNMIH force."

Canada Signs Three Agreements with China

July 29, 1994, no. 153

"Foreign Affairs Minister André Ouellet announced ... from Beijing the signing of three agreements with the Chinese government. Mr. Ouellet signed a Mutual Legal Assistance Treaty which will enhance Canada's ability to deal with international crime, drug trafficking and money laundering in particular. The Treaty provides for co-operation between China and Canada in the areas of prevention, investigation, and prosecution of criminals. ... As part of a new development policy framework for China, Mr. Ouellet and China's Minister of International Trade and Economic Co-operation, Mrs. Wu Yi, signed a letter of intent on environmental co-operation. The Canadian International Development Agency will develop three projects and assist China to achieve the objectives ... as outlined in the Agenda 21 global action plan. The third agreement establishes a \$100-million line of credit from the Export Development Corporation. This matching concessional financing will enhance the competitiveness of Canadian exporters to China, especially in the case of small and medium-sized businesses."

Chan to Travel to Australia, New Zealand and Southeast Asia

July 28, 1994, no. 152

"Foreign Affairs Minister André Ouellet ... announced that Secretary of State (Asia-Pacific) Raymond Chan, will travel to Australia, New Zealand, Malaysia, Singapore and the Philippines, from August 1 to 16. From August 1 to 3, Mr. Chan will attend the South Pacific Forum's Post-Forum Dialogue in Brisbane, Australia. ... From August 3 to 7, Mr. Chan will pay a bilateral visit to Australia with stops in Canberra and Sydney. ... From August 7 to 10, Mr. Chan will travel to Auckland and Wellington, New Zealand. From August 10 to 16, Mr. Chan will visit Malaysia, Singapore and the Philippines."

STATEMENTS:

"... We recognize China's central role in global development as one of the great emerging facts of the 21st century. Our relationship with China is based on four equal pillars: economic partnership; sustainable development that protects the environment; regional and international peace and security; and human rights, good governance and the rule of law. ... It is Canada's intention to enhance high-level two-way visits with China to promote economic co-operation and political dialogue on international and regional security issues, as well as on social and legal reforms. ... Let me now turn to the question of 1997. ... Canada has a vital interest in seeing a smooth, orderly and equitable transition, one that will maintain the well-being of our large Canadian community here. I can assure you that I made this point very clearly to the Chinese leadership in Beijing last week. ... Let me turn, finally, to the economic and political scene in Canada. I am well aware that Hong Kong, as a major