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CANADA TO PARTICIPATE IN REVIEW CONFERENCE ON CERTAIN CONVENTIONAL WEAPONS

Foreign Affairs Minister André Ouellet today announced that Canada will participate in the first formal review of what is commonly referred to as the Convention on Certain Conventional Weapons (CCW). The conference, which deals, among other things, with the use of land mines, will take place in Vienna from September 25 to October 13.

"Canada strongly supports all efforts to increase international action on this important issue. Every year, thousands of innocent victims die or are injured by the millions of mines indiscriminately laid around the globe," said Mr. Ouellet.

The Canadian delegation to the conference will be led by Mark Moher, Canada's Ambassador for Disarmament. Canada will work to further strengthen and expand the terms of the CCW.

The CCW was adopted by the United Nations General Assembly in 1980 and came into force in 1983. It now has 66 signatories and has been ratified by 51 countries, including Canada.

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A background document is attached.

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