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CANADIAN AND MEXICAN MINISTERS TO GATHER IN OTTAWA FOR 11TH JOINT MINISTERIAL COMMITTEE MEETING

Foreign Minister André Ouellet today announced that eight ministers from Mexico will join their Canadian counterparts in Ottawa on April 26 and 27 for the 11th meeting of the Canada-Mexico Joint Ministerial Committee (JMC). The JMC meetings began in 1971 and have been held annually since 1990, alternating between the two countries.

Mr. Ouellet noted that the annual ministerial meetings are becoming increasingly important to both countries, providing opportunities for regular, in-depth contact between ministers across a broad spectrum of mutual interests.

"The wide range of interests shared by our countries is reflected in the Canadian and Mexican delegations attending this meeting," said Mr. Ouellet. "Canada and Mexico have developed close and strong relations in the area of trade and economic co-operation. We are now strengthening our ties in legal co-operation, transport, agriculture, the environment and natural resources. This is a strong indication of the extent to which the relationship has grown."

In addition to sectoral issues, ministers are expected to discuss political and economic co-operation in the hemisphere, including the follow-up on the Summit of the Americas, NAFTA accession, and disarmament and non-proliferation.

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A list of the Canadian and Mexican delegations is attached.

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