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SECRETARY OF STATE STEWART TO MEET WITH UN OFFICIALS

Foreign Affairs Minister André Ouellet today announced that Christine Stewart, Secretary of State, Latin America and Africa, will travel to the United Nations to deliver, on December 13, Canada's statement on the elimination of apartheid to the General Assembly.

"This year's annual debate on apartheid should be the last for the United Nations. The establishment, this week, of the Transitional Executive Council in South Africa to oversee the lead-up to the first non-racial elections next April, truly marks the end of apartheid. Mrs. Stewart will emphasize, on behalf of Canada, our firm support for South Africa as it enters this important new era," Mr. Ouellet said.

While in New York, Mrs. Stewart will meet UN Secretary-General Boutros Boutros Ghali and other UN officials to discuss the situation in Africa and Latin America.

Mrs. Stewart will hold talks with the Undersecretary-General and Special Advisor on Africa, the Middle East and Asia, Chinmaya Gharekhan, and with Fernando Zumbado, the United Nations Development Program's (UNDP) Assistant Administrator and Regional Director, Latin America. In addition, she will meet the Director of the United Nations Fund for Women (UNIFEM), Sharon Capeling-Alakija, the Deputy Director of UNICEF, Richard Jolly, and senior officials of the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA).

Mrs. Stewart returns to Ottawa on December 14.

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