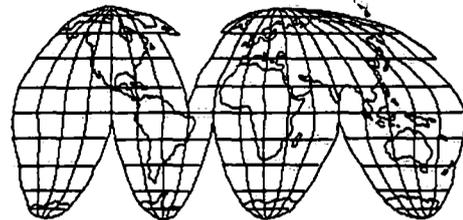


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**FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND INTERNATIONAL TRADE:
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Canada and Mexico Sign Nuclear Co-operation Agreement

November 16 1994, no. 228

Minister of Foreign Affairs André Ouellet today announced that Canada and Mexico have signed an Agreement for Co-operation in the Peaceful Uses of Nuclear Energy. The Agreement was signed today in Mexico City by Emilio Lozoya Thalmann, Secretary of Energy, Mines and State-Owned Corporations (SEMIP), and by David J. S. Winfield, Canada's Ambassador to Mexico. A related administrative arrangement between the Atomic Energy Control Board of Canada and SEMIP was signed at the same time. "The Agreement will facilitate nuclear trade and co-operation with a valuable partner and is a demonstration of the strong commitment shared by Canada and Mexico to nuclear non-proliferation," said Mr. Ouellet.

Tunisian Foreign Minister Visits Ottawa

November 14, 1994 no. 227

Foreign Affairs Minister André Ouellet announced today that the Tunisian Minister of Foreign Affairs, Habib Ben Yahia, will pay an official visit to Canada on November 16 and 17. Mr. Ben Yahia will head his country's delegation to the tenth session of the Canada-Tunisia Bilateral Commission, which meets to discuss means of strengthening co-operation and trade between the two countries. Mr. Ouellet and Mr. Ben Yahia will sign a Memorandum of Understanding with respect to the Canadian International Development Agency's \$60 million Private Sector Development Fund for the Maghreb, which was announced in Casablanca on October 31. Mr. Ouellet will meet with his Tunisian counterpart to discuss bilateral relations and areas of mutual interest. Tunisia is a member of La Francophonie and is currently the chair of the Organization of African Unity. Tunisia is a member of the Middle East Refugee Working Group, which is chaired by Canada, and an active participant in the Middle East peace process. Mr. Ben Yahia will also meet with the President of the Canadian International Development Agency, Huguette Labelle.

**MacLaren Announces Establishment of
NAFTA Advisory Committee on
Private Commercial Disputes**

November 14 1994, no. 226

The Honourable Roy MacLaren, Minister for International Trade, and the Honourable Allan Rock, Minister of Justice, today announced the establishment by Canada, the United States and Mexico, of a joint Advisory Committee on Private Commercial Disputes. The Committee was created under Article 2022 of the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA).

Final Deadline for Submission of Claims Against Iraq

November 10, 1994 no. 225

Foreign Affairs Minister André Ouellet today announced that Canadian citizens and eligible individuals who suffered losses caused by Iraq's invasion and occupation of Kuwait in 1990-91 have until December 15, 1994, to submit their claims to the Government of Canada. Eligible claims will then be forwarded to the United Nations Compensation Commission (UNCC) in Geneva, whose Governing Council has stated its intention not to accept any more claims after January 1, 1995. The UNCC was established by UN Security Council Resolution 687 of April 3, 1991, to deal with the large number of claims resulting from Iraq's invasion and occupation of Kuwait. The Government of Canada will submit claims on behalf of Canadian citizens and individuals who obtained permanent residency status in Canada on or before March 31, 1993. Iraqi nationals who became Canadian citizens on or before July 1, 1993, may also submit a claim to the Government of Canada. The filing deadline applies to individual claims under categories "A" (departure), "B" (personal injury or death),