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VISIT OF THE
SECRETARY OF STATE FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
IN BELGIUM, MAY 18-19, 1982

The Secretary of State for External Affairs, the Honourable Mark MacGuigan, has announced today that he will make an official visit to Belgium on May 18 and 19, 1982.

Dr. MacGuigan will meet with Mr. Léo Tindemans, the Belgian Minister of Foreign Relations and current President of the Council of Ministers of the European Economic Community, with whom he will discuss bilateral issues and foreign policy issues, including political consultations with the European Community. He will also meet with Mr. Marc Eyskens, the Belgian Minister of Economic Affairs.

During his visit, Dr. MacGuigan will participate in the opening of the Canadian Studies Centre at the Université libre de Bruxelles.

This is the first Belgian visit by a Canadian External Affairs Minister since 1977. Recent visits were made to Belgium by two other federal ministers, the Honourable Pierre De Bané, in May 1981, and the Honourable Charles Lapointe, in March 1982.