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**The Daily: Platforms, Positions and Statements  
of the Major Federal Parties on Subjects of Interest to EAITC**

**Le Quotidien : Plates-formes, positions et déclarations des partis  
fédéraux principaux sur les sujets d'intérêt à l'AECEC**

External Affairs/Affaires extérieures

*Former Yugoslavia/L'ancienne Yougoslavie*

The Athens news agency reported that a Liberal government would not recognize territory called Macedonia in the former Yugoslavia and called on the republic to respect Greece's cultural heritage. The report was not covered in the Canadian press, and has not been confirmed by the Liberal party of Canada, who have said they will issue a statement on the matter in the next few days.

*200 mile limit/limite de 200-milles*

In Newfoundland, Jean Chrétien repeats his promise to extend Canadian sovereignty to the nose and tail of the Grand Banks, while saying he will listen to Clyde Wells' plan for joint management of the fishery.

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**Other issues/Autres questions :**

*Public Service/Fonction publique*

- Lib -**
- They have promised smaller government, fewer departments, and have therefore not ruled out job cuts.
  - MP Marlene Caterall has promised a smaller Cabinet than PM Mulroney's, but has not specified a number.
- NDP -**
- Using a "top-down" approach to job cuts, the NDP would, according to the NDP public service critic Dave Stupich, "try to reduce the administration while maintaining or improving delivery of client service."
  - Current restructuring would not be rolled back, but frozen and reviewed to see what needs to be done.
- PCs -**
- The current restructuring, initiated under PM Campbell, would continue with Phases II and III being implemented under a Conservative government.
- Ref -**
- The Reform plan, called "0 in 3", would cut \$5 to 6 billion annually through the reform of the operations, programs and institutions of the federal government. A further \$13 billion would be cut in transfers to individuals, business and special interest groups.
  - Reform has also pledged to cut of 15% from the House of Commons, Senate, PMO and PCO.

International Trade/Commerce extérieur

*FTA/ALÉ -- Farmers/Agriculteurs*

Audrey McLaughlin, à Saskatchewan, a promis un programme de stabilisation de 2,4 milliards de dollars aux agriculteurs et en même temps, elle les aiderait à diversifier leur production. Elle a aussi dit que le gouvernement a sapé la Commission canadienne du blé et elle a promis de donner plus de pouvoir à la Commission.

*NAFTA/ALENA*

Dans une entrevue accordée à La Presse, M. Paul Martin a dit qu'un gouvernement libéral entend étendre à l'Amérique latine le libre-échange nord-américain. « Nous ne sommes pas contre le libre-échange. Mais les accords négociés par les conservateurs doivent être améliorés car ils ne protègent pas l'accès des produits canadiens au marché américain. En faisant front commun avec les pays d'Amérique latine, les États-unis ne pourront refuser de négocier », a-t-il dit.