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## McDOUGALL ANNOUNCES CONSULAR AWARENESS PROGRAM FOR CANADIAN YOUTH

The Secretary of State for External Affairs, the Honourable Barbara McDougall, today announced that the "Border Kids" video will premiere at Hugh Beaton Public School in Windsor, Ontario, on May 8, 1992. This 26-minute educational video recounts the experiences of a group of grade eight students from the school as they learn about the rights and responsibilities of Canadians crossing the border into the United States.

"Today's young people will be our next generation of world travellers," said Mrs. McDougall. "The 'Border Kids' video will introduce them to some of the problems they can encounter when they are in another country."

In the video, the students go behind the scenes to learn about the laws and regulations that apply to international travel. They view the operations and procedures of the U.S. Border Patrol and Canadian and U.S. Immigration and Customs procedures; they witness the judicial system in action in a Michigan court room; and they experience life from inside the Wayne County Jail. They also meet the Canadian Consul General in Detroit and learn what our missions can and cannot do for Canadians abroad.

"Border Kids," produced as part of the Consular Awareness Program of External Affairs and International Trade Canada (EAITC), was a joint initiative of the Windsor Board of Education and the Canadian Consulate in Detroit. It was developed for use in classrooms across Canada along with a companion booklet, Border Kids Teacher's Guide.

Distribution of the "Border Kids" video and teacher's guide will begin this fall. EAITC will be contacting local school boards to determine the procedures and quantities required.

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