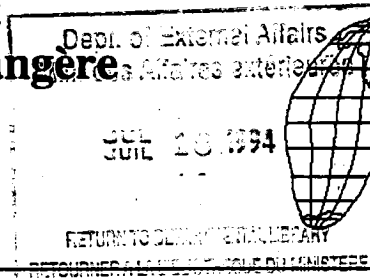


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**FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND INTERNATIONAL TRADE:
PRESS RELEASES:**

Diplomatic Appointments

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"Foreign Affairs Minister André Ouellet announces the following diplomatic appointments: Marie-Andrée Beauchemin as High Commissioner to the Islamic Republic of Pakistan; Dennis B. Browne as Consul General in Los Angeles; Robert G. Clark as Ambassador to the Argentine Republic; Jacques Demers as Ambassador and Permanent Delegate to the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization in Paris; Robert Déry, as Consul General in Minneapolis; Louise Charron Fortin as Ambassador to the Gabonese Republic; Jean-Paul Hubert as Ambassador to the Kingdom of Belgium; Garrett C.M. Lambert as Commissioner to Hong Kong; Barry M. Mawhinney as Ambassador to Ireland; Ian McLean as Consul General in Milan; Allan Stewart as Consul General in Atlanta; Colleen Swords as High Commissioner to Barbados with concurrent accreditation to the Commonwealth of Dominica, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines; Donald T. Wismer as Consul General in Detroit; David Wright as Ambassador to the Kingdom of Spain; Rob Wright as High Commissioner to New Zealand."

Canada Congratulates New Ukrainian President

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"Foreign Affairs Minister André Ouellet ... congratulated Leonid Kuchma on his success in Sunday's Ukrainian presidential elections. 'I would like to commend Mr. Kuchma on his election victory. Canada has been a strong supporter of Ukraine in meeting the challenges of independence and I want to assure him that we will continue that support,' said Mr. Ouellet."

Ministers Reject U.S. ITC's Findings on Wheat

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"The Honourable Roy MacLaren, Minister for International Trade, and the Honourable Ralph Goodale, Minister of Agriculture and Agri-Food, ... rejected the U.S. International Trade Commission (ITC) decision that imports of Canadian wheat materially interfere with the U.S. support programs. The ministers noted that three commissioners qualified their findings by commenting on the limited extent of any interference. ... On January 18, 1994, the U.S. President directed the ITC to determine whether imports of wheat, wheat flour and semolina materially interfered with the U.S. wheat price support programs. The ITC is the U.S. agency responsible for carrying out investigations under Section 22 of the U.S. Agricultural Adjustment Act. The ITC report will be forwarded to the President for his consideration. The President is not bound by the recommendations of the ITC. The United States' GATT waiver for actions taken under Section 22 expires on implementation of the Uruguay Round results in 1995. Moreover, before taking any action, the United States must also meet certain GATT and NAFTA obligations. 'We are continuing to pursue discussions with the United States on a range of agricultural issues, including wheat,' said Mr. MacLaren. 'Should the United States proceed with unilateral action against Canada, we have made it clear that we would respond forcefully to defend our interests.'"

Ouellet to Travel to Asia

July 7, 1994, no. 139

"Foreign Affairs Minister André Ouellet will travel to Japan, Korea, Thailand, China and Hong Kong, from July 18 to August 2. On July 18, Mr. Ouellet will arrive in Tokyo where he will meet with the new Japanese Prime Minister, Tomiichi Murayama and other cabinet ministers. ... On July 21, just days before the first summit between the leaders of the two Koreas, Mr. Ouellet will travel to South Korea. In Seoul, he will discuss bilateral, trade and regional security issues with Foreign Minister Han Sung Joo, and will meet with the President and senior officials. ... On July 24, Mr. Ouellet will travel to Bangkok, Thailand, where he will lead the Canadian delegation at meetings hosted by the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN). On July 25, the foreign ministers of the six ASEAN countries (Brunei, Indonesia, Malaysia, the Philippines, Singapore and Thailand) will meet with the foreign ministers of Canada, Australia, China, Russia, the United States, Korea, Japan, Laos, New Zealand, Papua-New Guinea, Vietnam and the European Union in the first session of the ASEAN Regional Forum (ARF). This multilateral meeting will focus exclusively on regional security issues; this year's theme is confidence-building measures for the Asia-Pacific region. The ARF will be followed by the ASEAN Post-Ministerial Conference (PMC) on July 26 and 27. The PMC brings together ASEAN foreign ministers and their seven "Dialogue Partners" (Canada, Australia, Korea, Japan, New Zealand, the United States and the European Union) for a discussion of regional and international political and economic issues. Mr. Ouellet will travel to China on July 28. In Beijing he will hold talks with the Minister of Foreign Affairs, Qian Qichen. ... On August 1 and 2, Mr. Ouellet will be in Hong Kong to meet with the Acting Governor, Anson Chan."

STATEMENTS:

"Canada and the European Union [EU] have been busy in recent years with heavy trade policy agendas as well as complex economic and social policy agendas. Europeans have been preoccupied with unification (and reunification) while we have been adapting to the demands of the North American Free Trade Agreement [NAFTA]. ... Both Europe and North America have been through a severe economic recession which has created new challenges for governments and other economic and social policy makers. As we faced these common hurdles, we also cast ourselves as economic rivals in a contracting global economy marked by declining market share, diminishing returns and growing competition from newly industrialized countries. ... The task now, recognized by both the President of the European Commission and Prime