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## MCDUGALL PROTESTS U.S. RESTRICTIONS ON CANADIAN ENTERTAINERS AND ATHLETES

The Secretary of State for External Affairs, the Honourable Barbara McDougall, today announced that she has written to U.S. Secretary of State James Baker expressing Canada's concern that provisions in the new U.S. Immigration Act would restrict access by foreign performers to the U.S. market.

"The United States is a crucial market for Canadian performers, and these regulations would seriously affect professional Canadian athletes, artists and technicians," said Mrs. McDougall. "If they are implemented, the Canadian government may be required to impose reciprocal measures."

The Minister said that the Canadian Embassy in Washington and Canadian consulates across the United States have been presenting Canada's case against the new regulations to Members of Congress and the U.S. Administration.

The provisions of the new U.S. Immigration Act are open to public comment for a 30-day period ending August 12, 1991. Mrs. McDougall said that her Department will continue to monitor the situation closely, in collaboration with Canada's cultural and sporting community and agencies such as the Canada Council.

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