

The Secretary of State for External Affairs, the Honourable Mitchell Sharp, announced today that Mr. Krister Wickman, the Minister of Foreign Affairs of Sweden will pay an official visit to Ottawa on February 9 and 10. The visit is in response to a long-standing invitation issued by Mr. Sharp at the time of his visit to Sweden in 1969.

Before proceeding to Ottawa, Mr. Wickman will spend two days on a private visit in Montreal. On his trip here he will be accompanied by Baron Carl de Geer, Deputy Secretary-General of the Swedish Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Mr. Lennart Klackenberg, head of the Foreign Ministry's Aid and Development Department; Mr. Kaj Sundberg, Deputy Head of Sweden's Permanent Mission to the United Nations; Mr. Hakan Wilkens, First Secretary of the Foreign Ministry; and Mr. Rolf Ekéus, the Minister's secretary.

A brief note on Canada's relations with Sweden and a biographic note on Mr. Wickman are attached.