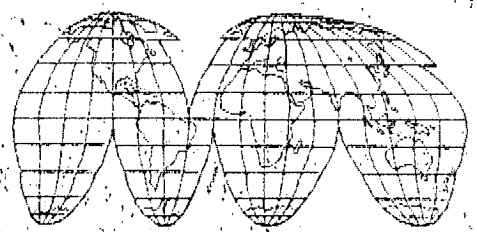


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United Nations Establishes Commission on Sustainable Development

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External Affairs Minister Barbara McDougall and Environment Minister Jean Charest welcomed the adoption by the United Nations General Assembly of a resolution establishing the Commission on Sustainable Development. Canada has played an active role throughout the discussions leading up to the establishment of the Commission. "The global character of environment problems means that no nation can act in isolation. We all face common sets of problems that need new co-operative efforts if we are to deal with them." This Commission is a significant step forward in getting the world community to organize itself to better deal with the challenges of sustainable development," said Mrs. McDougall.

Minister Wilson Announces End to Plywood Lumber Standards Dispute

Dec. 22, 1992, No. 243

The Honourable Michael Wilson, Minister of Industry, Science and Technology and Minister for International Trade, announced that the longstanding dispute with the United States over performance standards for plywood and other construction sheathing products had been resolved. "I am pleased that the dispute is finally resolved and that tariff reductions under the Canada-U.S. Free Trade Agreement (FTA) can now be implemented," said Minister Wilson.

**Canada Lifts Travel Restrictions on Russian Government
and Business Representatives**

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The Secretary of State for External Affairs, the Honourable Barbara McDougall announced that, effective immediately, Canada is lifting all travel restrictions on Russian diplomats, consular officials, business representatives and journalists in Canada. "Now that Canadians are free to travel around Russia, we are reciprocating by scrapping this Cold War relic," said Mrs. McDougall. "This will strengthen diplomatic, business and people-to-people contacts."

Contract in Ankara Will Trigger a Substantial Number of Jobs in Canada

Dec. 18, 1992, No. 241

The Honourable Jean Corbeil, Minister of Transport, on behalf of the Honourable Michael Wilson, announced that an important contract was signed December 18 by the UTDC Consortium to build a mass transit system in Ankara, Turkey. This transaction will generate some 14 330 person-years of employment in Canada. "I am extremely proud that Canadian companies, supported by our government, could face strong international competition and win this major contract. Not only will a substantial number of jobs be created and business stimulated for numerous Canadian suppliers and subcontractors, but also our potential to win similar contracts in the future is increased tremendously," said Minister Wilson.

**Canada Participates in Electoral
Observer Mission in the Former Yugoslavia**

Dec. 18, 1992, No. 240

The Honourable Barbara McDougall announced Canada's participation in the monitoring of the electoral process in the former Yugoslavia (Serbia and Montenegro). Canada sent a four-person team to observe the December 20 election as part of an international effort under the aegis of the Conference on Security and Co-operation in Europe. "This international observer mission aims at encouraging the largest possible popular participation in the elections. Given the current situation, it is particularly important that they be free, fair and equitable," said Mrs. McDougall. "I hope that these elections will be a helpful step toward a peaceful resolution of the tragic conflict in the former Yugoslavia."