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Foreign Policy Communications Division (BCF)**FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND INTERNATIONAL TRADE:
PRESS RELEASES:****Ouellet Welcomes Russian Signing of New Partnership with NATO****June 22, 1994, no. 130**

"Foreign Affairs Minister André Ouellet ... warmly welcomed Russia's signature of NATO's Partnership for Peace program. The program, launched at last January's NATO Summit in Brussels, enables members of NATO and its partners to engage in practical co-operation including joint peacekeeping exercises and an expanded program of political and military relations. Russia is the 21st country to join the Partnership for Peace program. 'Closer co-operation between NATO and Russia is a key element for enhanced security and stability in Europe. With this signature, NATO and Russia are opening a new chapter in the security of the Euro-Atlantic region,' said Mr. Ouellet."

**Chan Signs Agreements on Economic and Development
Co-operation with Viet Nam****June 22, 1994, no. 129**

"The Honourable Raymond Chan, Secretary of State (Asia-Pacific), ... signed agreements on development and economic co-operation between Canada and Viet Nam. ... The Agreement on Development Co-operation will guide the Canadian International Development Agency's (CIDA) assistance program in Viet Nam. The Agreement on Economic Co-operation seeks to expand economic and commercial activity between the two countries. It identifies principal areas of co-operation, including energy, natural resources, telecommunications and information technology, agriculture and food processing, construction, transportation, and aerospace. ... 'These agreements are an expression of our mutual desire to expand the Canada-Viet Nam relationship,' said Mr. Chan. 'In particular, CIDA is developing a long-term strategy to support the economic reform process under way in Viet Nam in ways that will promote lasting development.'"

**Ouellet Announces New Appointments to the Board of Directors
of the Asia Pacific Foundation of Canada****June 21, 1994, no. 128**

"Foreign Affairs Minister André Ouellet ... announced three appointments to the Board of Directors of the Asia Pacific Foundation of Canada. Michael E.J. Phelps of North Vancouver, British Columbia, was appointed as Chairman, effective July 23, 1994, when the outgoing Chairman, Arthur Hara, O.C., completes his third term. Jacques Bougie, of Outremont, Quebec, and Pierre Choquette, of Calgary, Alberta, were appointed Directors. The new appointments are for a period of three years. ... The Asia Pacific Foundation of Canada (APF), created in 1984 by an Act of Parliament, is a private non-profit organization jointly funded by the federal and provincial governments, with additional financial support from the private sector. ... In 1989, the APF was selected as an implementing agency for the federal government's "Pacific 2000" strategy, which has three major components: the Pacific Business Strategy, the Japan Science and Technology Fund, and the Language and Awareness Program. The APF has recently embarked on a new five-year plan which will renew and refocus its efforts to ensure that its programming remains innovative and effective."

Canada Sending Forces to Rwanda**June 21, 1994, no. 127**

"Foreign Affairs Minister André Ouellet and Minister of National Defence David Collenette announced ... that Canada has agreed to a request from the UN Secretary General to provide additional support for an expanded United Nations Assistance Mission in Rwanda (UNAMIR). Canada will contribute a military communications unit consisting of up to 350 personnel. These Canadian Forces communications personnel will be responsible for developing and operating an expanded communications network for UNAMIR, which will grow from its present strength of 450 to a projected level of 5 500 troops. The Canadian Forces have also provided crucial airlift support to the UN in Rwanda. Since April 10, a Canadian Hercules aircraft has carried some 730 tonnes of humanitarian relief supplies and equipment, as well as 1 995 passengers. A second Canadian Forces Hercules aircraft has arrived in Nairobi to expand the UN's airlift capacity in Rwanda. 'This new Canadian contribution expands our commitment to UN operations in Rwanda and will be a key factor in ensuring the effectiveness of the UN mission in that country,' said Mr. Collenette. 'Our additional troops will join Maj.-Gen. Roméo Dallaire, a Canadian who has shown outstanding professionalism and courage.'"

**Appointments to the Board of the International
Development Research Centre****June 20, 1994, no. 126**

"Foreign Affairs Minister André Ouellet ... announced the appointment of Herb Breau, Jacques Gérin, Donna Soble Kaufman and Dr. Olav Slaymaker to the Board of Governors of the International Development Research Centre (IDRC) along with the reappointment of Dr. Albert J. Butros, a Board member since 1986. Board members serve a four-year term. Mr. Breau was a Member of Parliament from 1968 to 1984, representing the former New Brunswick riding of Gloucester, now known as Acadie-Bathurst. Mr. Gérin, an engineer, is currently President of Hatch & Associés Inc., a consulting firm providing environmental technology and engineering services to industry and governments. Ms. Soble Kaufman is a lawyer with the firm Strikeman, Elliott in Montreal. Dr. Slaymaker is currently Associate Vice-President, Research (Humanities, Social Sciences and Interdisciplinary Initiatives) and Professor, Department of Geography, at the University of British Columbia. Dr. Butros was, until recently, the Jordanian Ambassador to the United Kingdom; he has since returned to academic life."

Croatian Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister to Visit Canada**June 17, 1994, no. 125**

"Foreign Affairs Minister André Ouellet ... announced that the Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister of Croatia, Dr. Mate Granić, will be visiting Canada from June 19 to 21, 1994. Dr. Granić will arrive in Toronto on Sunday, June 19, where he will meet with