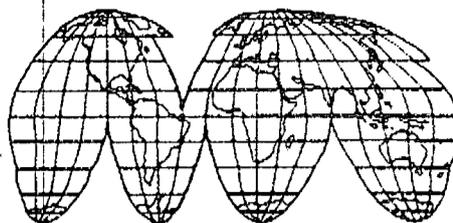




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Press Releases

Jelinek to Lead Business Mission to
Czech and Slovak Federal Republic

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National Revenue Minister Otto Jelinek announced, on behalf of the Honourable Michael Wilson, Minister of Industry, Science and Technology and Minister for International Trade, that he will lead a business mission to the Czech and Slovak Federal Republic, November 16-23. The Minister made the announcement while hosting a visit by Czech Premier Dr. Václav Klaus to Toronto. "The dramatic changes that have occurred in Eastern Europe are transforming the centrally planned Czech and Slovak economies to market driven ones. This will provide dynamic opportunities for Canadian companies," said the Minister. "The business mission that I will be leading will contribute significantly to our understanding of the market and will identify Canada as a reliable economic partner," added Mr. Jelinek.

Canada to Continue Monitoring Program for Steel Imports

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The Honourable Michael Wilson announced that Canada's import monitoring program for carbon steel and specialty steel products would be extended for another two years. The program, in place since 1986 for carbon steel and since 1987 for specialty steel, has been extended to August 31, 1994. The decision to extend the monitoring program beyond its scheduled September 1, 1992, expiry date was prompted by continued surplus supply and depressed prices for steel on world markets; also, international steel trade is restricted by non-tariff barriers. Minister Wilson said he intends to refer the monitoring program to the Canadian International Trade Tribunal before the end of the 1994 extension date to determine whether global conditions for steel trade warrant the continuation of the program beyond that date.

Canadians Participate in CSCE Mission to
Detention Camps in Bosnia-Herzegovina

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The Secretary of State for External Affairs, the Honourable Barbara McDougall, announced that two Canadians are participating in a Conference on Security and Co-operation in Europe (CSCE) mission to investigate human rights abuses in detention camps in Bosnia-Herzegovina. Dr. Alan Elliott, a medical officer with Health and Welfare Canada, and Tom Boehm, a senior official with External Affairs and International Trade Canada, are in Bosnia-Herzegovina as part of an international team of specialists. "We have all been horrified by what we have learned about these camps," said Mrs. McDougall. "In London, the international community demanded immediate access. The presence of a CSCE team will ensure that we get first-hand, impartial information on the treatment of the people detained." The mission, under the auspices of the CSCE, is led by Sir John Thompson, former U.K. Permanent Representative to the United Nations. The United States, Sweden, Switzerland and Turkey have also provided experts.

Diplomatic Appointments

August 31, 1992, No. 171

The Honourable Barbara McDougall announced the following diplomatic appointments:

Richard Belliveau, from Toronto, Ontario, as Consul General in Shanghai.

Russell H. Davidson, born in Chichester, England, as Ambassador to the Republic of Venezuela.

Arsène A. Després, born in Cocagne, New Brunswick, as Ambassador to the Republic of Cameroon with concurrent accreditation to the Republic of Chad.

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