

delivery of trade and investment activities and information sharing. It follows Ontario's 1993 decision to close its 17 international offices and responds to private sector demands to cut duplication and increase efficiency in trade and investment marketing. "We want to ensure greater co-operation and collaboration between the two levels of government in the delivery of international business activity," Mr. MacLaren said. "This is a perfect example of what we can achieve when we put our minds to building a Team Canada approach to global markets. We intend to work with other provincial governments to achieve similar arrangements."

Canada and Lithuania Sign Nuclear Co-operation Agreement

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Minister of Foreign Affairs André Ouellet today announced that Canada and Lithuania have signed an Agreement for Co-operation in the Peaceful Uses of Nuclear Energy. The Agreement is a step towards ensuring the assistance of Canadian nuclear experts in upgrading safety systems and plant operations of Lithuania's nuclear reactors. The Agreement was signed in Vilnius by Algimantas Stasiukynas, Lithuanian Minister of Energy, and Michael Philipps, Canada's Ambassador to Lithuania. "This agreement marks the further advancement of the growing and productive relationship between Lithuania and Canada in the area of nuclear co-operation," said Mr. Ouellet. "It balances the need for safety while helping to fulfill the energy needs of Lithuania."

Ouellet Welcomes Ukrainian Decision to Accede to Non-Proliferation Treaty

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Foreign Minister André Ouellet today welcomed the decision of the Ukrainian parliament, the Supreme Rada, to accede to the Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT) as a non-nuclear weapons state. "Non-proliferation is a major objective of Canadian foreign policy and Ukraine's accession is a significant contribution to global peace and security. I look forward to Ukraine depositing the accession documents at the earliest opportunity," said Mr. Ouellet.

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1994 will remain a milestone in the history of our relations. Not only are we inaugurating a new Chancery in Hanoi and a Trade Office in Ho Chi Minh City, but we have appointed Her Excellency Christine Desloges as Canada's first Ambassador to the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam. In June, your Deputy Prime Minister, Phan Van Khai, visited Canada and met with Canadian leaders and tomorrow, our Prime Minister, Mr. Jean Chrétien, will be making the first visit by a Canadian Prime Minister to this country. The significance of these developments cannot be understated. I am here today to express Canada's support to our Vietnamese friends. We want to play a useful and constructive role as Viet Nam strives to open its doors, liberalize its economy and reintegrate into the world community. A good example of this was Canada's contribution to clearing Viet Nam's International Monetary Fund arrears. Our companies are developing or implementing creative, regional business strategies for target markets, like Viet Nam. We know that in order to succeed we must build partnerships with Vietnamese public and private sector entities. Both as suppliers of products and services and as investors, our companies must work together. . . .With me today are some of the premier Canadian companies willing to engage in the development of these partnerships. Given the similarities between Viet Nam and Canada, with our remote communities, our resource-based manufacturing — especially minerals, forestry, oil and gas — and our rugged topography, Canadian firms are remarkably well-suited to meet the challenges of the Vietnamese market. We are developing a special focus in Viet Nam on the transport, energy and telecommunications sectors. Canadian firms can compete world-wide on capital projects in each of these areas, as they are doing throughout the Asia-Pacific region.

Notes for a Luncheon Address by The Honourable Roy MacLaren, Minister for International Trade, to the Ho Chi Minh City Business Community, Ho Chi Minh City, Viet Nam, November 15, 1994, 94/71

Finance Canada

Today, I want to share some perspectives on the current legislative regime for federal financial institutions — which is less than three years old — and provide some preliminary thoughts on the 1997 review. . . . I would also like to take this opportunity to announce that the government policy paper on regulatory and supervisory issues — which some of you are no doubt anxiously awaiting — will be released early in the new year. It will be followed by a process of consultation with affected parties on the changes that the paper recommends.

Notes for an Address by the Honourable Doug Peters Secretary of State for International Financial Institutions to the Canadian Institute, Toronto, Ontario, November 21, 1994 94-107

Human Resources Development Canada

1995 Unemployment Insurance Maximum Insurable Earnings

November 10, 1994

Human Resources Development Canada today announced the Unemployment Insurance (UI) maximum insurable earnings figure for 1995. The 1995 maximum weekly insurable earnings will be \$815, up from \$780 in 1994. This is equivalent to a 4.5 per cent increase.