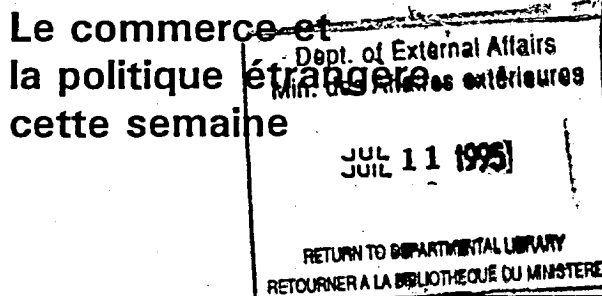


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PRESS RELEASES:

Ouellet Urges Bosnian Government to Ensure Freedom of Movement of
Canadian UN Peacekeeping Forces in Visoko

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Foreign Affairs Minister André Ouellet urged the Republic of Bosnia-Herzegovina to take all necessary steps to ensure the safety, re-supply and freedom of movement of Canadian UN Protection Force (UNPROFOR) troops based in Visoko in accordance with UN Security Council resolutions. "I have written to Bosnian Foreign Minister Sacirbey to express the Canadian government's concerns about restrictions on our troops in Visoko, particularly the blockading of the Canadian base. I understand that the Bosnian authorities have now agreed to relax the restrictions on UNPROFOR and to allow re-supply of Canadian observation posts," said Mr. Ouellet. The Minister underlined that Canadian forces are determined to fulfil their UN mandate and that Bosnian Army threats to shell the Visoko base or fire on Canadian forces are completely unacceptable. He is urging Mr. Sacirbey to pursue Bosnia's political aims at the negotiating table.

MacLaren Presents 1995 International Trade Award for Excellence

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The Honourable Roy MacLaren, Minister for International Trade, presented the 1995 Minister's International Trade Award for Excellence to Doreen Conrad, Deputy Director, Service Industries and Transportation Division, for her outstanding contribution in expanding the Department's capacity to engage more Canadian services exporters in foreign markets. "Ms. Conrad's efforts have resulted in a much better understanding within the Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade of the special needs of services exporters," said Mr. MacLaren when presenting the Award. "The Canadian services industry has been highly complimentary of her efforts in promoting services exports."

MacLaren Welcomes Visit of Indian Energy Minister

June 19, 1995, no. 112

The Honourable Roy MacLaren, Minister for International Trade, announced the visit to Canada of the Honourable Satish Sharma, Minister of State for Petroleum and Natural Gas, from June 21 to 24. During his visit to Calgary on June 22, Mr. Sharma and a delegation of Indian business people will attend InterCan '95, the Province of Alberta's annual oil and gas trade show. He will also deliver a keynote address to the South Asia Business Association and meet privately with Canadian industry representatives.... "India's oil and gas market, estimated to be about US\$4 billion and growing at about 15 per cent annually, offers a wealth of opportunity for Canada. Once the exclusive domain of the public sector, this industry is gradually being liberalized. At present, more than half of India's requirements are met through imports," said Mr. MacLaren.

Egyptian Minister to Visit Canada

June 16, 1995, no. 111

Foreign Affairs Minister André Ouellet announced that the Egyptian Minister of Public Enterprise Sector, His Excellency Dr. Atef Mohamed Ebeid, will pay an official visit to Canada from June 19 to 23. Dr. Ebeid, who is also Minister of State for Administrative Development and the Environment, will visit Ottawa, Montreal and Toronto. In addition to meeting with Mr. Ouellet, Dr. Ebeid is expected to hold discussions with his Canadian counterparts, including the Minister for International Trade, Roy MacLaren, the Minister of the Environment, Sheila Copps, and the Minister Responsible for Public Service Renewal, Marcel Massé. Dr. Ebeid will also meet with senior officials of the Canadian International Development Agency. The Egyptian Minister's agenda will include round table meetings in Montreal and Toronto with groups doing business in Egypt. During his meeting with Mr. Ouellet, Dr. Ebeid is expected to discuss general bilateral relations and areas of mutual interest, particularly economic matters. Egypt is a member of La Francophonie and the Organization of African Unity. A leading participant in the Middle East peace process, Egypt is a member of the Middle East Refugee Working Group, which is chaired by Canada.

STATEMENTS

Global investment is becoming at least as important to Canada's economic future as is global trade. Or to put it another way, in order to advance the goals of greater employment and growth, Canada must be a home to firms with global operations and global aspirations. This sea change has given rise to two policy imperatives. First, we have come to the realization that the central problem facing Canada in the 1990s is not how to screen foreign investment, but how to compete for it. The fact is that investment is a finite pie. More and more nations want a slice.... The second policy implication of globalized investment is the more radical: that Canada should be encouraging outward — as well as inward — investment if we want to build bridges to the emerging global economy. After all, the same logic that argues for a greater foreign presence in Canada also argues for a greater Canadian presence abroad. For many Canadian firms — particularly those in the service sector — the