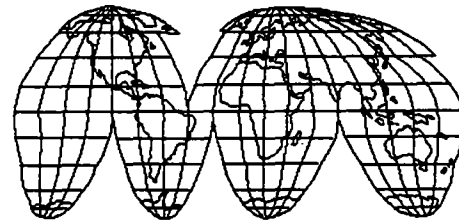


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Quellet to Attend NATO Meetings in Istanbul

Foreign Affairs Minister André Ouellet announced that he will attend the meetings of the North Atlantic Council and the North Atlantic Co-operation Council which will take place on June 9 and 10, 1994, in Istanbul, Turkey. "These meetings will allow me to reaffirm Canada's strong support for the opening of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) towards Central and Eastern Europe, particularly the Partnership for Peace initiative. I will be telling my colleagues that we must continue to work for actual NATO expansion in the near future," said Mr. Ouellet.

Canadian Delegation to OECD Meeting in Paris

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Foreign Affairs Minister André Ouellet will lead the Canadian delegation to the annual ministerial meeting of the Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) in Paris, June 7 and 8. Minister of Human Resources Development Lloyd Axworthy and International Trade Minister Roy MacLaren will also attend the meeting. The OECD ministerial meeting provides an opportunity for member countries to consult on the leading issues of international economic relations. This year, the key agenda item is growth and employment. The OECD is expected to release the results of a two-year study on employment in industrialized countries. Other issues to be discussed include multilateral trade in the Uruguay Round and the OECD's outreach program with non-member countries. While in Paris, the Canadian ministers will also undertake a range of bilateral meetings with their counterparts from other OECD member countries.

Mongolian Foreign Minister to Visit Canada

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Foreign Affairs Minister André Ouellet announced that the Mongolian Minister for External Relations, His Excellency Tserenpiliin Gombosuren, will pay an official visit to Canada from June 6 to 9. His itinerary will include Calgary, Toronto, and Ottawa. This first Canadian visit of a Mongolian External Relations Minister will give the Canadian Government an opportunity to express its support for Mongolia in its economic and political reforms and to encourage it in its efforts to open its horizons to the outside world.

MacLaren to Visit Brussels, Paris and Helsinki

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The Honourable Roy MacLaren, Minister for International Trade, will be visiting Brussels, Paris and Helsinki from June 3 to 9 to meet with his counterparts responsible for economic and commercial affairs and to strengthen trade relations with their countries and with the European Union.

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This discussion today enables me, on behalf of Canada, to describe our vision of the OECD (Organization for Economic co-operation and Development). ... There is no shortage of challenges. It is important that the OECD focuses its work on the key policy priorities of its members, in particular job creation and international trade. ... An important cornerstone for such an approach is to maintain openness to new members. ... Canada is favourable to the consideration of individual membership applications from countries that have made the necessary economic and political transition and are willing and able to assume the obligations and responsibilities associated with membership. ... Another element of the OECD's response to this evolving world is its co-operation with economies in transition. Progress varies for each of these countries and our manner of dealing with each should also vary. We should develop more flexible, responsive approaches to adapt to each situation. Canada supports the Japanese proposal to extend the list of countries that might be accommodated within the program of the Centre for Co-operation with Economies in Transition.

Notes for an Address by the Honourable André Ouellet, Minister of Foreign Affairs, at the Meeting of the Council At the Ministerial Level of the OECD: "The OECD in an Evolving World" (Paris, France, June 8, 1994, 94-29)

Promoting sustainable development in the region is a key issue for the Government of Canada. We must tackle the problems of poverty and under-development in the hemisphere in ways that are environmentally sound and sustainable. Sustainable development, democratic development and good governance, in combination with economic integration and trade, and security issues, must all be central to hemispheric community development. However, if we do not work together to reduce social and economic inequalities and develop economic benefits in a sustainable way, all other policy areas become irrelevant. There will be no environment to build upon. ... Another priority for the Government of Canada in our relations with the region [of Latin America] is encouraging democracy and the strengthening of democratic institutions and processes. ... The continuing impasse on Haiti is a potent reminder of the importance of these sorts of efforts. ... The strengthening of human rights instruments and institutions in the hemisphere is another key issue for the Canadian government.

Notes for an Address by the Honourable Christine Stewart, Secretary of State (Latin America and Africa), to the 24th General Assembly of the Organization of American States (Belém, Brazil, June 7, 1994, 94-28)