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**SECRETARY OF STATE STEWART TO ATTEND  
INAUGURATION OF CHILEAN PRESIDENT-ELECT  
EDUARDO FREI RUIZ-TAGLE**

Foreign Affairs Minister André Ouellet today announced that Secretary of State (Latin America and Africa) Christine Stewart will travel to Chile to attend inauguration ceremonies for President-elect Eduardo Frei Ruiz-Tagle on March 11.

"Mrs. Stewart's presence underscores Canada's growing political, economic and trade relations with Chile," Mr. Ouellet said.

"Mr. Frei's inauguration symbolizes Chile's democracy in action and the principles Canada encourages throughout the Hemisphere," said Mrs. Stewart.

During her visit, Secretary of State Stewart will meet with incoming Minister of Foreign Affairs Carlos Figueroa Serrano; the Executive Secretary of the United Nations Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC), Gert Rosenthal; and with representatives of non-governmental organizations.

Mrs. Stewart will return to Ottawa on March 12.

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