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MINISTER LANDRY REPRESENTS CANADA AT THE INVESTITURE OF NEW HAITIAN PRESIDENT

The Secretary of State for External Affairs, the Right Honourable Joe Clark, announced today that the Honourable Monique Landry, Minister for External Relations and International Development, will represent Canada at the investiture of Haitian President-elect Jean-Bertrand Aristide on February 7, 1991 at Port-au-Prince.

"The Haitian people are opening a new chapter in their history. Building a true democracy is a painstaking but worthwhile job. Canadians join me in congratulating Haitians for their resolve in building a society where human rights are proudly upheld," Mr. Clark stated.

"It is an honour for me to lead the Canadian delegation at the ceremonies in Port-au-Prince. We will witness not only the investiture of a President, but the birth of a new democracy," said Mrs. Landry.

An all-party delegation of federal parliamentarians will accompany Minister Landry, including Marcel Prud'homme, Howard McCurdy, Guy Ricard and Nicole Roy-Arcelin. Messrs. Guy Rivard, Quebec's Minister responsible for La Francophonie and Jean-Claude Gobé and Madame Carmen Juneau, members of the Quebec National Assembly, are also members of the delegation.

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