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VISIT OF DANISH FOREIGN MINISTER

Foreign Affairs Minister André Ouellet today announced that the Danish Minister of Foreign Affairs and Trade, Mr. Niels Helveg Petersen, will visit Ottawa February 17 and 18.

"Denmark and Canada have a long history of cordial relations, stemming from our membership in the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO), and shared experiences in United Nations peacekeeping. My discussions with Mr. Petersen will focus on the situation in the former Yugoslavia, where Denmark also has peacekeeping forces," said Mr. Ouellet.

Other issues to be discussed during Mr. Petersen's visit include General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT) implementation, the situation in the Baltic republics, the Middle East peace agreement and Arctic co-operation.

Mr. Petersen will place a floral tribute at the Peacekeeping Monument to honour the many Canadians who have served in United Nations peacekeeping missions.

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