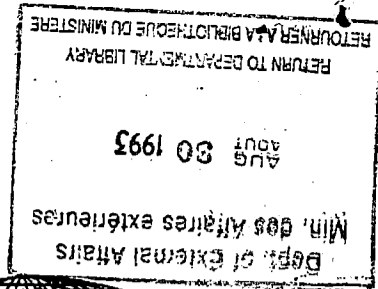


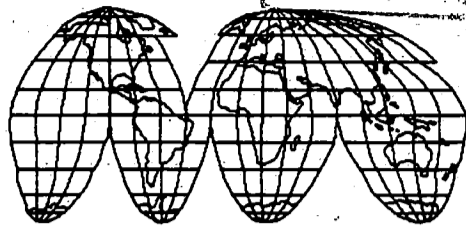
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PRESS RELEASES:

Hockin Announces visit of Vietnamese Trade Minister

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The Honourable Tom Hockin, Minister for International Trade announced the visit to Canada of Le Van Triet, Viet Nam's Minister of Trade and Tourism, from August 21 to 28, 1993. Mr. Triet will visit Vancouver, Calgary, Toronto, London and Montreal. "The visit of Minister Triet is an indication of the considerable interest in Viet Nam by Canadian businesses, which see the growth potential of the country and are eager to develop closer commercial ties.... We have assigned a senior trade commissioner to our embassy in Hanoi and have planned a number of trade delegations and trade shows in Viet Nam for the coming year," said Mr. Hockin. "Canadian companies have bid on projects in Viet Nam that would involve the export of hundreds of millions of dollars' worth of equipment and services and create many jobs at home," said the Minister.

Beatty Calls on Nigeria to Restore Democracy

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External Affairs Minister Perrin Beatty expressed deep concern that the military régime of General Ibrahim Babangida was not acting to fulfil its pledge to complete Nigeria's transition to democracy by August 27. "Canada has called on General Babangida to hand over power next week, as promised, to a democratic civilian government, free of military interference and acceptable to the Nigerian people as a whole," Mr. Beatty said. "The continued manoeuvring on interim arrangements and the harsh crackdown on human rights leaders and the free press indicate that this call has not been heeded."

Canada's Objectives Met in the North American Agreement on Environmental Co-operation and the North American Agreement on Labour Co-operation

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The Honourable Tom Hockin, Minister for International Trade, said that Canada met its objectives and negotiated strong and effective measures to protect the environment and workers across North America through side agreements with the United States and Mexico. "The agreements will provide the positive assurance that the three NAFTA partners will enforce their environmental and labour laws so that no country gains an unfair competitive advantage," Mr. Hockin said. "These side agreements represent a pledge to the people of North America that Canada, the United States and Mexico will pursue environmentally sustainable growth and promote the well-being of their workers.... Canada was successful in proposing important safeguards for enforcement without instituting the kind of barriers the NAFTA was designed to eliminate."

STATEMENTS:

We should never believe that the struggle for freedom is complete. It is not a mortgage that can be paid, once and for all. Instead, it is organic, and it must be protected and nourished. Helping new democracies succeed is an investment not only in their futures, but also in ours.... The UN remains the single most important instrument we have for promoting peace, democracy and freedom in the world. Surely no task is more important than to make it as effective as possible. Let's look at some of the specific reforms needed to make the UN more effective: Let's give the United Nations a permanent general staff to plan and conduct its peacekeeping operations; Let's establish a UN military college to train a corps of officers who can work effectively together; Let's ensure that the UN has the ability to stockpile equipment and to airlift material and personnel quickly to a theatre of operations; Let's develop a code of conduct and common operating procedures for all personnel under the UN flag. The UN suffers from the same problems of interoperability that have plagued NATO over the years. And finally, let's pledge our countries to commit troops on a stand-by basis for use by the Secretary-General on short notice as crises develop.... It is [also] simply unacceptable that the UN Secretary-General must go around the world, cap in hand, urging member countries, large and small, to pay their dues. The United Nations cannot operate properly if it is constantly facing a financial crisis. Every country that believes in the value of the UN should pay its dues in full and on time.

From an address by the Honourable Perrin Beatty, Secretary of State for External Affairs, to the Freedom Forum "The United Nations: The Will to Reform," (Toronto, Ontario, August 18, 1993, No. 93/53)