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**CANADA ESTABLISHES DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS  
WITH MOLDOVA**

The Secretary of State for External Affairs, the Honourable Barbara McDougall, today announced the establishment of diplomatic relations with Moldova. Mrs. McDougall and Moldovan Foreign Minister Nicolae Tiu signed a Joint Declaration on the Establishment of Diplomatic Relations between Canada and the Republic of Moldova this morning in Ottawa.

Foreign Minister Tiu is accompanying Moldovan President Mircea Snegur on a working visit to Canada. President Snegur will hold talks with Prime Minister Brian Mulroney this afternoon.

"Moldova has taken responsible positions on all the issues it faces following independence," said Mrs. McDougall. "I wish the Moldovans well as they join the community of nations."

The Minister noted that Canada's Ambassador in Bucharest will have concurrent accreditation to Moldova.

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