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McDOUGALL TO CONSULT WITH POLISH AND CSFR GOVERNMENTS

The Secretary of State for External Affairs, the Honourable Barbara McDougall, left Brussels today for Warsaw and Prague where she will meet senior government leaders to review the recent dramatic developments in the Soviet Union.

"Poland and the Czech and Slovak Federal Republic (CSFR) are unique windows on the U.S.S.R.," said the Minister. "I want to get first-hand their views on what has just taken place in the Soviet Union and to reinforce to them Canada's strong commitment to political and economic reform in Central and Eastern Europe."

Mrs. McDougall was scheduled to meet Foreign Minister Skubiszewski, Prime Minister Bielicki and senior Parliamentarians in Warsaw on Thursday morning. She will then fly to Prague where she will meet with Foreign Minister Dienstbier and President Havel. The Minister was in Brussels to attend the emergency NATO Ministerial meeting which concluded yesterday.

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