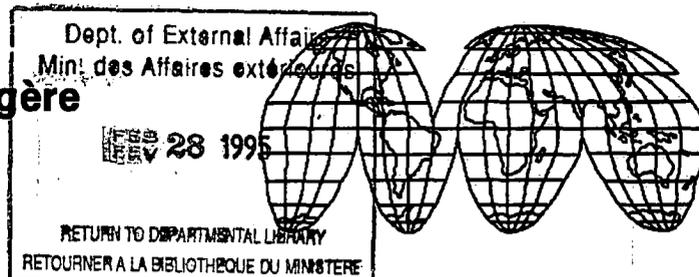


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**FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND INTERNATIONAL TRADE:
PRESS RELEASES:**

**Ouellet Urges Myanmar Authorities to Find Peaceful Solution to
Internal Strife**

February 22, 1995, no. 34

Foreign Affairs Minister André Ouellet urged Myanmar's State Law and Order Restoration Council to work peacefully and seriously toward national reconciliation with the political opposition in Myanmar (Burma). The Minister also urged the authorities to refrain from escalating the armed conflict across the country and across the border with Thailand.

"Escalation of the armed conflict can only result in more human suffering within Burma, create more transborder refugees and impose a further burden on its neighbours and the international community," said Mr. Ouellet.

MacLaren Launches the 1995 Canada Export Awards Competition

February 22, 1995, no. 33

The Honourable Roy MacLaren, Minister for International Trade, will launch the 1995 Canada Export Awards competition on the occasion of a dinner hosted by the Canadian Exporters' Association. "Winners of the Canada Export Awards are a source of inspiration for all those companies striving to achieve international success and I am confident that, by following their example, others will achieve similar success," said Mr. MacLaren. "As a country that relies heavily on international trade, I want to encourage more and more of our companies, especially our small and medium-sized firms, to enter the export field and thereby contribute to job creation and economic growth in Canada."

**Canada Withdraws Tariff Concessions on Certain Products
of Export Interest to the European Union**

February 21, 1995, no. 32

The Honourable Roy MacLaren, Minister for International Trade, announced that Canada has given notice to the European Union (EU) of its intention to withdraw tariff concessions on a range of exports of primary interest to the EU, pending negotiations of permanent compensation resulting from the accession of Austria, Finland and Sweden to the EU. "The EU has chosen to disregard established procedures for notifying, consulting and compensating Canada prior to the tariff modifications being implemented, and this is unacceptable to Canada," said Mr. MacLaren.

Canada and Korea Reinforce Investment Ties

February 17, 1995, no. 31

The Honourable Roy MacLaren, Minister for International Trade, announced the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) on Investment Co-operation between Canada's Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade and the Korea Development Bank. "Canada-Korea investment ties are already an important part of our overall bilateral and economic relationship. This MOU signals our mutual commitment to create a greater awareness of the opportunities for direct investment in each other's economies," said Mr. MacLaren. "It will also encourage strategic alliances between Canadian and Korean companies."

Czech Minister of Foreign Affairs Visits Canada

February 16, 1995, no. 30

Foreign Affairs Minister André Ouellet announced the visit of the Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Czech Republic, Josef Zieleniec, February 19-22, 1995. "Canada is delighted to welcome Mr. Zieleniec on his first visit to our country. I want to take this opportunity to express our support to the Czech Republic in pursuing a successful transition to democracy and to a market economy," said Mr. Ouellet. Discussions with Canadian ministers focussed on trade links, regional security, the Czech Republic's membership in Western institutions and bilateral technical co-operation.

Norwegian Minister of Trade and Shipping to Visit Canada

February 16, 1995, no. 29

The Honourable Roy MacLaren, Minister for International Trade, announced the visit of Mrs. Grete Knudsen, Minister of Trade and Shipping of Norway, February 16 and 17, 1995. "Norway is Canada's largest export market among the Nordic states. As strong as our trade relations are, they have potential to be even better," Mr. MacLaren said. Discussions involved strengthening bilateral economic and trade links and developing closer co-operation within the context of the World Trade Organization, the Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development and other international fora.

Canada Welcomes Visit of OAS Secretary-General

February 16, 1995, no. 28

Foreign Affairs Minister André Ouellet announced that the Secretary-General of the Organization of American States (OAS), César Gaviria, will arrive in Canada on February 20 for a one-day visit. "Canada is an active member of the OAS