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SWISS FOREIGN MINISTER TO VISIT CANADA

Foreign Affairs Minister André Ouellet announced today that the Minister of Foreign Affairs of Switzerland, Flavio Cotti, will visit Ottawa March 23 and 24.

"Switzerland and Canada have a number of common interests, notably European security. Mr. Cotti and I will discuss issues related to the Conference on Security and Co-operation in Europe's Review Conference, which will take place this fall in Budapest. I also look forward to exchanging views on the situation in the former Yugoslavia and the role of peacekeeping forces there, as well as in other areas of conflict," said Mr. Ouellet.

Other issues to be discussed during Mr. Cotti's visit include international migration trends, the Middle East peace process and South Africa.

Mr. Cotti will also meet Minister of National Defence David Collenette and Secretary of State (Latin America and Africa) Christine Stewart.

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