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SECRETARY OF STATE CHAN TO VISIT INDIA AND PAKISTAN

Foreign Affairs Minister André Ouellet today announced that Secretary of State (Asia-Pacific) Raymond Chan will visit India and Pakistan from March 11 to 20, 1995. He will be accompanied by a delegation of 44 participants representing the Canadian private sector.

"This visit will help pave the way for a new era of Canada-India and Canada-Pakistan relations. We must continue to develop and strengthen both our bilateral and commercial relationships," said Mr. Chan. "Doing so will not only encourage our business communities to work more closely together, but will enable Canada to be a partner in India and Pakistan's efforts to achieve sustainable development."

While in New Delhi from March 11 to 16, Mr. Chan will meet with his host, Minister of State (External Affairs) Mr. Salman Khurshid. He will call on the ministers of Finance, External Affairs, Home Affairs, and Power, and several other ministers responsible for Indian commercial and sectoral interests. Mr. Chan will also have an opportunity to call on the Chief Minister of the Punjab and the Chief Minister of Haryana.

Mr. Chan will participate in a round table with the Confederation of Indian Industry, visit the Shastri Indo-Canadian Institute and the Arpana Ashram development project, attend a meeting of the Joint Business Council and address an Indo-Canadian Business Club luncheon.

During his stay in Pakistan, March 17 to 20, Mr. Chan will call on the Minister of Foreign Affairs and the Minister of Water and Power, as well as the Chairperson of the Privatization Commission. In Peshawar, he will meet with the Chief Minister of the North-West Frontier Province and visit the Warsak Dam site.

