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CANADA TO PROVIDE MEXICO WITH \$1 MILLION WORTH OF ENVIRONMENTAL ASSISTANCE

The Secretary of State for External Affairs, the Honourable Barbara McDougall, and the Minister of the Environment, the Honourable Jean Charest, today announced \$1 million worth of projects to help Mexico improve its environmental monitoring and enforcement practices.

The package includes a mobile laboratory for on-site testing, training in environmental audit techniques, information exchanges on the treatment of industrial effluents, and the provision of codes of practice and safety standards for the management of hazardous substances.

"These projects flow from the Canada-Mexico Environmental Co-operation Agreement signed by Prime Minister Mulroney during his visit to Mexico in March 1990," said Mrs. McDougall. "They will strengthen our partnership with Mexico."

"We have tailored the projects to meet Mexico's needs," said Mr. Charest. "Our expertise and technology will help Mexico's Secretariat of Urban Development and Ecology to enforce the tough environmental laws which that country passed in 1988."

The Ministers said that Canada and Mexico intend to discuss additional ways in which they can increase collaboration on the environment.

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