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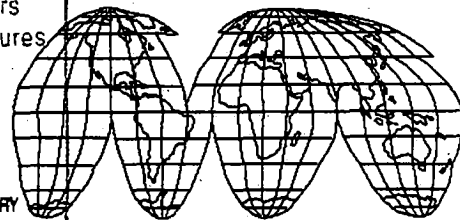
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**FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND INTERNATIONAL TRADE:
PRESS RELEASES:**

Secretary of State Stewart Visits Tanzania

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Foreign Affairs Minister André Ouellet announced that Secretary of State (Latin America and Africa) Christine Stewart is visiting Tanzania, May 24-27. Mrs. Stewart will participate in a number of events to mark the renewal and diversification of Canada's bilateral relations with that country. "I am pleased to be here at this important juncture," said Mrs. Stewart. "Changes in Tanzania's political and economic environment are contributing to the evolution of our relationship. In addition to re-launching development assistance, I will explore with my Tanzanian counterparts measures to encourage greater bilateral trade and investment." In this context, Mrs. Stewart noted that a number of Canadian mining companies are prospecting in Tanzania.

Ouellet to Participate in Bilateral and Multilateral Meetings in Europe

May 19, 1995, no. 94

Foreign Affairs Minister André Ouellet announced that he will be visiting Europe to meet with his counterparts for bilateral and multilateral talks. The first stop on Mr. Ouellet's tour will be Bonn, where he will meet with the German Minister of Foreign Affairs, Klaus Kinkel, for preparatory discussions to the G-7 Summit. Mr. Ouellet and Mr. Kinkel will also discuss the issue of security in Europe, the possibility of intensifying transatlantic relations, and the deteriorating situation in the former Yugoslavia. Mr. Ouellet will then travel to Geneva and Berne to meet with Mr. Flavio Cotti, his Swiss counterpart. They will discuss the Middle East peace process as well as the leading role that Switzerland could play in la Francophonie and the Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe, over which it will preside in 1996. Mr. Ouellet also plans to promote Quebec's bid to host the 2002 Olympic Games and Montreal's bid to serve as headquarters for the Secretariat of the Convention on Biodiversity. Culminating this series of meetings will be Mr. Ouellet's participation in the ministerial sessions of the North Atlantic Council and the North Atlantic Co-operation Council in Noordwijk, the Netherlands, on May 30 and 31. Discussions concerning the expansion of NATO and its relations with Russia are on the agenda for these meetings. The Council will also look at developments in the former Yugoslavia. At the invitation of the French government, Mr. Ouellet will complete his tour in Paris on June 1. He will engage in discussions with the new French Foreign Minister and the Vice-President of the European Commission on the subject of the *Transatlantic Declaration*, which sets forth principles of co-operation and common objectives for Canada and the European Union.

Ministers to Attend OECD Meeting

May 18, 1995, no. 93

The Honourable Roy MacLaren, Minister for International Trade, announced that he will lead a ministerial delegation including Human Resources Development Minister Lloyd Axworthy and Industry Minister John Manley to this year's meeting of ministers from member countries of the Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) in Paris, May 23-24. The ministers will discuss economic growth, employment, social progress, and strengthening the multilateral trade and investment system. "The OECD has an important role to play in efforts to liberalize international trade and investment," Mr. MacLaren said. "I expect ministers at the Paris meeting will agree to negotiations on a ground-breaking multilateral agreement on investment," he noted. "An agreement on foreign investment will fill an important gap in international rules. It will also help Canadian firms investing abroad and generate more and better jobs in this country."

MacLaren Travels to Western and Central Europe to Foster Trade and Investment Ties

May 18, 1995, no. 92

The Honourable Roy MacLaren, Minister for International Trade, will travel to Europe May 22 to June 1 to discuss trade and investment liberalization between North America and Europe and to foster stronger trade and investment ties with Western and Central European countries. He will be accompanied by more than 30 Canadian business representatives on the Central European leg of the trip. Mr. MacLaren will give a major speech to the Royal Institute for International Affairs in London on proposals for a transatlantic trade pact; head the Canadian delegation to the annual meeting of ministers of member countries of the Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) in Paris; hold talks with ministers in Warsaw, Budapest, Prague, and Bonn; meet with leading German industrialists and speak to prominent business groups in Düsseldorf and Stuttgart; and call on the new Director General of the World Trade Organization in Geneva. "Prime Minister Chrétien's invitation to the European Union last December to consider a free trade pact with