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VISIT TO MIDDLE EAST BY SECRETARY  
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The Secretary of State for External Affairs, the Honourable Mitchell Sharp, announced today that he plans to visit three Middle Eastern countries early this month.

His visits to Iran, Israel and the United Arab Republic will be in response to invitations from the Foreign Ministers of those countries. In addition to providing occasion to discuss matters of common interest with the governments concerned, the tour will afford Mr. Sharp an opportunity to assess at first hand some of the problems of the region.

The itinerary for the tour provides for arrival in Tehran on November 9 from Toronto via Rome. After two days in Iran, Mr. Sharp will proceed to Israel, where he will spend November 12 and 13. He will also have two days, November 15 and 16, in the United Arab Republic, and will return to Canada on November 17.