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McDOUGALL TO REPRESENT CANADA AT FUNERAL OF TURKISH PRESIDENT OZAL

External Affairs Minister Barbara McDougall leaves today for Ankara to represent Canada at the funeral of Turkish President Turgut Ozal.

"President Ozal was a vigorous and effective leader who did much to modernize Turkey. We mourn with the Turkish people the loss of their President and deeply regret the departure of such a forward-thinking and stabilizing figure from the international scene," said Mrs. McDougall.

Mrs. McDougall takes with her a personal message of condolence from Prime Minister Brian Mulroney to Turkish Prime Minister Suleyman Demirel. Governor General Ramon Hnatyshyn has also sent a message to acting President Husamettin Cindoruk.

Mr. Ozal died in Ankara on Saturday of heart failure at the age of 66.

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