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COMMONWEALTH SECRETARY-GENERAL TO VISIT CANADA

Foreign Affairs Minister André Ouellet today announced that the Commonwealth Secretary-General, Chief Emeka Anyaoku, will visit Canada, September 27-29. While in Canada, Chief Anyaoku will meet with Secretary of State (Latin America and Africa) Christine Stewart.

Chief Anyaoku will be in Ottawa to discuss the upcoming Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting taking place in Auckland, New Zealand, November 10-13, 1995. Canada will join 50 other member countries in November for discussions on a number of issues of common interest, including democratic development, which is one of the key themes of this year's meeting.

"Canada believes that the Commonwealth has a valuable role in promoting democracy, human rights and conflict prevention in member countries," said Mrs. Stewart. "These are values that Canadians cherish and that are essential to building the types of societies and political structures that we all want for our countries."

Chief Anyaoku is also scheduled to meet with Prime Minister Jean Chrétien. The Prime Minister is expected to lead the Canadian delegation to the Heads of Government Meeting in New Zealand. The Commonwealth is an association of independent states that consults through informal governmental and non-governmental networks.

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