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McDOUGALL TO PARTICIPATE IN FORTY-SEVENTH UN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

The Secretary of State for External Affairs, the Honourable Barbara McDougall, will, from September 21 to 26, lead Canada's delegation to the 47th United Nations General Assembly in New York. She will deliver Canada's principal statement in the general debate on Thursday, September 24.

"The world faces new and greater challenges than ever to peace and security," said Mrs. McDougall. "Canada will press hard to ensure that the United Nations has the tools it needs to respond in a more timely and effective manner to those challenges."

A major objective of Mrs. McDougall's visit will be to provide Canada's response to UN Secretary-General Boutros Boutros-Ghali's proposals on preventative diplomacy, peacemaking, peacekeeping, and peace-building in his report "An Agenda for Peace." She will meet with the Secretary-General to discuss his report and other key issues.

While at the UN, Mrs. McDougall will also focus on several regional issues: Yugoslavia, the Middle East, Cyprus, South Africa and the promotion of democracy in Latin America. She will hold bilateral meetings with key foreign ministers involved in these issues and will meet with her colleagues from the Group of Seven and the Rio Group of Latin American nations.

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