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QUELLET EXPRESSES CONDOLENCES ON DEATH OF NORWEGIAN FOREIGN MINISTER HOLST

Foreign Affairs Minister André Ouellet today sent the following message of condolence to the Prime Minister of Norway, Gro Hartlem Bruntland:

All Canadians were deeply saddened to learn of the tragic passing of Johan Jorgen Holst.

Mr. Holst combined global vision with pragmatism. He was a friend of peace-loving men and women everywhere. His role in hosting the crucial talks between the Israelis and the Palestinians marked a key stage in the progress toward Middle East peace. He was a citizen of Norway but a world statesman whose contributions will live on in the future.

On behalf of the Government of Canada I would be most grateful if you would please convey to his family our sincere condolences and the respect Canadians had for him and his life's work.

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