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FRENCH SECRETARY OF STATE RESPONSIBLE FOR LA FRANCOPHONIE TO VISIT CANADA

Foreign Affairs Minister André Ouellet today announced that the Secretary of State to the Minister of Foreign Affairs of France, Mrs. Margie Sudre, who is responsible for La Francophonie, will pay an official visit to Canada from September 6 to 11, 1995.

The purpose of Mrs. Sudre's visit is to discuss with Canadian authorities issues for consideration by Heads of State and Government at the next Francophone Summit, which will take place in Cotonou, Benin, from December 2 to 4, 1995.

Mrs. Sudre will first travel to Quebec and New Brunswick, provinces which have a direct interest in her visit owing to their status as participating governments in La Francophonie. Her visit will end in Ottawa where she will hold talks with Mr. Ouellet and with Canadian Heritage Minister Michel Dupuy on September 10 and 11.

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