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OUELLET ANNOUNCES VISIT OF DOUGLAS HURD

Foreign Affairs Minister André Ouellet today announced that Douglas Hurd, Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs for the United Kingdom, will visit Ottawa on September 29-30.

"Canada and the United Kingdom have long been committed to a strong and dynamic relationship. Our unique bilateral links have served to enhance transatlantic ties during the rapid changes of recent years, and I look forward to Mr. Hurd's visit," said Mr. Ouellet.

During his stay, Mr. Hurd will address participants at the closing session of the Canada-United Kingdom Colloquium, held in Ottawa from September 27-30. The Colloquium is an annual event which has taken place alternately in Canada and the U.K. for the last 10 years. This year's meeting will have as its focus Prosperity and Stability in the International System: Canada-U.K. Co-operation in the Post-Cold War World. Mr. Ouellet and Minister for International Trade Roy MacLaren will also give speeches at the Colloquium.

Secretary of State Hurd will hold talks with Ministers Ouellet and MacLaren and will meet Prime Minister Jean Chrétien.

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