

**Canada will Strongly Defend Position in NAFTA
Chapter 20 Panel on Farm Products**

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Minister for International Trade Roy MacLaren and Agriculture and Agri-Food Minister Ralph Goodale said the government will strongly defend Canadian measures on certain agricultural products that are being challenged before a panel by the United States. "Canada's approach to tariffication is fully consistent with our international trade obligations under both the NAFTA and the WTO," said Mr. MacLaren. "We are confident of our legal case in this matter and will argue it forcefully before the NAFTA panel." "We will consult closely with industry and provincial governments throughout the panel process to ensure that Canadian agriculture interests are defended," said Mr. Goodale.

Canada Provides Assistance to Victims of Attack on Srebrenica

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Canada announced, in response to the attack by Bosnian Serb forces on the Srebrenica safe area, a \$1-million contribution for emergency assistance to the victims of the attack. The announcement was made by Defence Minister David Collenette, on behalf of the Government.... The contribution from the Canadian International Development Agency to the UN High Commissioner for Refugees and the International Committee of the Red Cross will be used to provide food, drinking water and medication to the refugees. The financing for this initiative was included in the February 1995 federal budget and is therefore built into the existing fiscal framework.

Ouellet Congratulates People of Haiti

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Foreign Affairs Minister André Ouellet congratulated the people of Haiti on the outcome of their legislative election held June 25. The election was the first test of the democratic process in Haiti since President Jean-Bertrand Aristide was returned to power in October 1994. "The election was an important first step for all Haitians on the road to further political, social and economic development, and is an encouraging sign that democracy has taken root and will flourish in Haiti," said Mr. Ouellet.... Canada contributed \$2 million in support for the electoral process.... Canada currently has 700 military personnel and Royal Canadian Mounted Police officers in Haiti as part of a UN mission.

OFFICE OF THE PRIME MINISTER

**Prime Minister Announces Support for Bosnia Conference
Condemns Ethnic Cleansing**

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Prime Minister Jean Chrétien announced the support of the Government of Canada for British Prime Minister John Major's initiative to convene a conference on Bosnia-Herzegovina on July 21 in London.... The Prime Minister indicated his support for this process as the most appropriate next step in assessing the future role of UNPROFOR, re-energizing the political process and responding to the humanitarian crisis.... The Prime Minister also expressed his outrage at the aggression by Bosnian Serb forces against UN-declared safe areas which have provoked the exodus of tens of thousands of refugees. "The Bosnian Serb attack on the Muslim enclaves in eastern Bosnia must be vigorously condemned as it represents not only clear violations of the most basic human rights but also total contempt for the efforts of the international community", said the Prime Minister.

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Ministers Announce New Customs Procedures for Boaters July 13, 1995

Victoria, July 13, 1995 National Revenue Minister David Anderson and Citizenship and Immigration Minister Sergio Marchi announced new streamlined customs and immigration procedures for low-risk travellers arriving in private boats at marinas in British Columbia.... "Our goal is a hassle-free border for honest travellers and businesses, and a brick wall for those who try to smuggle or break other laws at the border," said Mr. Anderson. "Innovations like CANPASS will streamline routine processing in many areas. That frees up resources to focus on higher risk traffic."

UPCOMING EVENTS

- August 1-3: ASEAN, Post-Ministerial Conference (Brunei)
- September 4-15: UN World Conference on Women (Beijing, China)
- November 10-13: Commonwealth Summit (Auckland, New Zealand)
- December 2-4: 6th Summit of La Francophonie (Cotonou, Benin)

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