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ICRC PRESIDENT TO VISIT CANADA

Foreign Affairs Minister André Ouellet today announced that Dr. Cornelio Sommaruga, President of the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC), will visit Ottawa, May 9-11. During his visit, Dr. Sommaruga will meet with Prime Minister Jean Chrétien, Minister Ouellet, and Sergio Marchi, Minister for Citizenship and Immigration.

Dr. Sommaruga will also hold meetings with Huguette Labelle, President of the Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA), as well as with other officials from CIDA, the Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade, and the Department of National Defence.

Canada is a strong supporter of the ICRC's humanitarian aid activities and goals. Over the last five years, Canada has contributed almost \$93 million in response to the ICRC's emergency appeals. The attached background document provides more details on Canada's contributions to the ICRC.

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