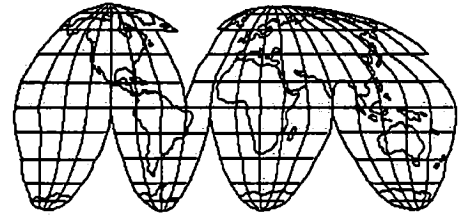


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Ouellet Announces Technical Assistance Package for Russia

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Foreign Affairs Minister André Ouellet today announced a \$6.9-million package of Canadian technical assistance initiatives designed to support economic reform in Russia. The Minister made the announcement in Moscow at the end of his two-day working visit. The projects target two priority sectors: support for private sector development through agricultural privatization, land reform and patent protection; and environmental protection in the oil and gas field. "Canada remains strongly committed to supporting economic reform in Russia. These initiatives will build on our ongoing efforts to support private sector development in Russia, including the creation of a business environment attractive to private investment, by providing advice and training in areas vital to the reform effort," said Mr. Ouellet.

MacLaren Confirms Canada's Support for Mexican President Salinas de Gortari as Head of the World Trade Organization

November 24, 1994 no 236

The Honourable Roy MacLaren, Minister for International Trade, today confirmed that Canada will support the candidacy of Carlos Salinas de Gortari, the President of Mexico, as the first Director-General of the World Trade Organization (WTO). "We believe that Carlos Salinas de Gortari is the ideal candidate to lead the Secretariat of the World Trade Organization at this crucial juncture in the history of the global trading system. He has demonstrated many times his outstanding ability to grapple successfully with the challenges of globalization," said Mr. MacLaren.

Ouellet Announces Appointments to the IDRC Board of Governors

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Foreign Affairs Minister André Ouellet today announced four new appointments to the Board of Governors of the International Development Research Centre (IDRC). The appointees are: José Joaquín Brunner, the Minister of the President's Office in Chile; Jon Grant, consultant and former President and Chief Executive Officer of the Quaker Oats Company; Miguel Hurtado de la Madrid, a former President of Mexico (1982-88); and Dr. Ivy F. Matsepe-Casaburri, Chairperson of the South African Broadcasting Corporation (SABC). Mr. Ouellet also announced the reappointment of two other governors, Dr. Joan E. Foley, a professor of Psychology at the University of Toronto and Dr. Vulimiri Ramalingaswami, a medical pathologist and Professor Emeritus at the All India Institute of Medical Sciences. IDRC is a public corporation created by the Parliament of Canada in 1970 to help developing countries find their own solutions to development problems through research. The Centre is directed by a 21-member Board of Governors who are appointed for four-year terms. The Board is international, consisting of 11 Canadian members and 10 non-Canadian members. Members of the Board are selected based on their experience in the field of international development and their interest in the developing regions of the world.

Statements

Dear Mr. Landry, Thank you for your letter of November 23 concerning the speech by Mr. Matthew Coon-Come, Grand Chief of the Quebec Cree, to a conference organized by the American Association of Quebec Studies, last week in Washington. . . . Mr. Coon-Come sent the text of his speech to the press on the evening of November 17 and, in the same news release, to the Embassy. At no time did he ask the Embassy to comment on his speech. . . . You must agree that the public and the press therefore had sufficient information to form an intelligent opinion on the matter. Mr. Landry, in your letter reason is drowned in a flood of emotion. . . . Canadian embassies do not interfere and try to tell Canadians what points of view they should express at university conferences. I assume that the Quebec delegations abroad, which fall under your responsibility, follow the same rule. . . Yours sincerely, André Ouellet

Translation of a letter addressed to the Deputy Premier and Minister of International Affairs, Immigration and Cultural Communities of Quebec, Bernard Landry, from Foreign Affairs Minister André Ouellet. November 28, 1994 No. 238