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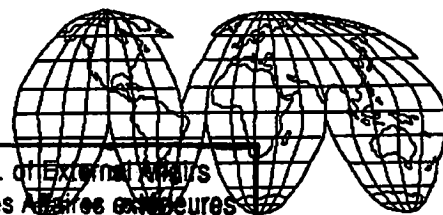
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**FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND INTERNATIONAL TRADE:
PRESS RELEASES:**

OUELLET AND IRWIN ANNOUNCE FIRST CIRCUMPOLAR AMBASSADOR

October 20, 1994, no. 209

Foreign Affairs Minister André Ouellet and Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development Ron Irwin announced today the appointment of Mary May Simon as Canada's first Circumpolar Ambassador. She will be the first Inuit to hold an ambassadorial position. The appointment is effective October 31, 1994. "All Canadians have a stake in circumpolar affairs. Having spent the last 25 years as a strong advocate of Inuit rights and circumpolar issues, Mary Simon will be an effective and knowledgeable voice for Canada in its dealings with other circumpolar nations," said Mr. Ouellet.

**OUELLET MEETS WITH SENIOR UKRAINIAN OFFICIALS
ON SPECIAL TRAINING IN CANADA**

October 20, 1994, no. 210

Foreign Affairs Minister André Ouellet met with representatives of a group of 20 Ukrainian ministers, deputy ministers and assistant deputy ministers undertaking a two-week executive development program in Canada. The program includes study at the Canadian Centre for Management Development in Ottawa, a visit to an economic renewal project in Hamilton, meetings with their counterparts in various federal and Ontario government departments, and attendance at a Canada-Ukraine business conference in Toronto on October 25. "I am very pleased to have had the opportunity to meet with this group of talented Ukrainian officials. Their participation in this executive development program illustrates the kind of valuable contribution Canada can make to the reform process in Ukraine. It also illustrates Canada's commitment to build upon our special relationship with Ukraine," said Mr. Ouellet.

**SECRETARY OF STATE STEWART TO ATTEND PEACE AND DEVELOPMENT
CONFERENCE IN HONDURAS**

October 20, 1994 no. 211

Foreign Affairs Minister André Ouellet announced that Secretary of State (Latin America and Africa) Christine Stewart will participate in the International Conference on Peace and Development in Central America, to be held in Tegucigalpa, Honduras, October 24 and 25. "I am pleased that Canada is participating in this conference. We have a strong and continuing interest in Central America's growth, the peace and reconciliation process, sustainable development, the fight against poverty and participation in the global economy," said Mr. Ouellet.

CANADA TO PARTICIPATE IN CASABLANCA ECONOMIC SUMMIT

October 24, 1994 no. 212

Foreign Affairs Minister André Ouellet announced that he will lead the Canadian Delegation to the Middle East and North Africa Economic Summit, which will take place October 30 to November 1, 1994, in Casablanca, Morocco. The objective of the conference is to consolidate peace in the Middle East through the strengthening of economic co-operation. A Canadian business delegation will attend the conference and will meet with Minister Ouellet to discuss Canadian economic interests in the region. "The Casablanca Summit is important to Canada. We strongly support the peace process, in which we are an active participant. The strengthening of economic co-operation in the region will further consolidate the progress accomplished so far to ensure a just and lasting peace in the Middle East. We intend to participate fully to achieve that objective," said Mr. Ouellet. The main topics on the agenda will include perspectives on the new Middle East, the region's economic potential, economic reforms and privatization, and the role of the Middle East and North Africa in the world economy.

OUELLET ANNOUNCES TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PACKAGE FOR UKRAINE

October 24, 1994 no. 213

Foreign Affairs Minister André Ouellet announced a package of new Canadian technical assistance initiatives totalling \$23.8 million designed to support economic and political reform in Ukraine. The projects target the economic reform program and private sector development in Ukraine, address pressing security and nuclear safety issues, and further land reform and privatization efforts. "These new initiatives provide practical, immediate assistance in areas of primary importance to Ukraine's reform efforts. Building upon our country's long-standing special relationship with Ukraine, they demonstrate Canada's strong commitment to support Ukraine during this period of transition," said Mr. Ouellet.

OUELLET ANNOUNCES BALANCE OF PAYMENTS SUPPORT FOR UKRAINE

October 24, 1994 no. 214

Foreign Affairs Minister André Ouellet announced \$13.5 million (approximately US\$10 million) in direct balance of payments assistance to Ukraine to support the implementation of its recently launched program of economic reform. "Ukraine's new blueprint for economic reform shows a bold and sustained commitment to developing a market economy. I congratulate Ukrainian President Kuchma for moving ahead so resolutely on reform. Canada's direct balance of payments support will be used to help Ukraine in this difficult period of transition," said Mr. Ouellet.