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## OUELLET TO LEAD BUSINESS DELEGATION TO AMMAN ECONOMIC SUMMIT

Foreign Affairs Minister André Ouellet will lead a delegation of approximately 20 Canadian companies and interested organizations to the second annual Middle East/North Africa Summit to be held in Amman, Jordan, October 29-31.

The Summit is co-sponsored by the United States and Russia, with the support and endorsement of Canada, the European Union and Japan. It will enhance political reconciliation and economic development in the region as well as support the efforts of the private sector in seeking business opportunities.

The participation of the federal government, provinces and the private sector reflects a Team Canada approach to the Summit. Their presence in Amman demonstrates Canada's interest in consolidating peace initiatives in the Middle East by building strong business relationships with countries of the region.

As well as representing Canada at the Summit, Mr. Ouellet will hold bilateral meetings with his counterparts in Jordan. He will also travel to Syria and Egypt where he is expected to discuss topics of mutual interest, including the Middle East peace process, bilateral relations and business opportunities for Canadian companies.

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