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CANADIAN MAYORS STUDY FOREIGN POLICY MAY 2-10

The Department of External Affairs is pleased to announce that a group of twelve mayors from communities in the Northwest Territories and each of the ten provinces will leave Ottawa May 2 for an eight-day study tour in Europe. The visit is sponsored and organized by the Department of External Affairs, the NATO Information Service, the Delegation of the Commission of the European Communities in Ottawa and the Department of National Defence.

During their tour abroad, the mayors will visit NATO Headquarters and the European Communities Commission in Brussels, the Supreme Headquarters Allied Powers in Europe near Mons, the Council of Europe in Strasbourg and the Canadian Armed Forces base in Lahr.

The visit will give these leaders of Canadian communities an opportunity to become more familiar with various aspects of Canadian foreign policy. In previous years, similar groups of parliamentarians, high school teachers and journalists from Canadian weeklies have had similar opportunities under this programme to familiarize themselves with Canadian international commitments and pass on their knowledge to a wider Canadian audience. This is the second time that mayors have been included in the programme.

The mayors, who were named by their Provincial Municipal Associations, will first travel to Ottawa for advance briefings with government officials. The mayors participating in this visit are the Mayor of Edmonton, C.J. Purves, President, Federation of Canadian Municipalities; Mayor Charles Lakes of Trail, B.C.; Laurent J. Lamoureux, President, Alberta Urban Municipalities Association, McLennan,

Alberta; Mayor Larry Schneider of Regina; Mayor D. L. Fletcher of Carman, Manitoba; Mayor Clark Mason, Ajax, Ontario; Mayor Wendell Phinney, Kentville, N.S.; Mayor Francis Dufour of Jonquière, P.Q.; Mayor Dennis Cochrane, Moncton, N.B.; Mayor Gilbert Bell, Borden, P.E.I.; Mayor Elizabeth Hann, Mount Moriah, Nfld. and Mayor Otto Romeikè, Pine Point, N.W.T.