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## DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER COPPS AND MINISTER DUPUY TO JOIN QUEBEC 2002 DELEGATION IN BUDAPEST

Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of the Environment Sheila Copps and Minister of Canadian Heritage Michel Dupuy will be in Budapest from June 12 to 17 to support Quebec City's bid to host the 2002 Olympic Winter Games. The International Olympic Committee (IOC) will be meeting in the Hungarian capital and will make its decision on the host city on June 16.

Ms. Copps and Mr. Dupuy will join Quebec Premier Jacques Parizeau and Quebec City Mayor Jean-Paul L'Allier in assisting the Quebec 2002 Winter Games Corporation's efforts to win the right to host the Games. The delegation will convey to the IOC members the tremendous enthusiasm by all Canadians to host the world in 2002 and will highlight the superb facilities Quebec City can offer for these Games.

"Quebec City is the candidate for all of Canada" said Ms. Copps. "It was selected by the Canadian Olympic Association and enjoys enthusiastic support from Canadians."

The Government of Canada has fully supported Quebec City's candidacy, committing \$208 million in the event the bid is successful. It has also played an active and energetic role in the campaign to bring the Games to Canada, including the special appointment in May 1994 by Foreign Affairs Minister André Ouellet of Arthur Perron as Ambassador of Canada for Quebec 2002. In addition, the Government contributed \$2.5 million in support of the bid process.

"For any athlete, the opportunity to measure oneself against the best in the world in one's own country is rare indeed," added Mr. Dupuy.

Quebec City will make its final presentation to the IOC in Budapest on June 16 with the formal announcement of the selected city to be made by the IOC President, Juan Antonio Samaranch, later that same day.



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The three other cities whose candidacies have also been retained to host the 2002 Olympic Winter Games are Ostersund (Sweden), Salt Lake City (U.S.A.) and Sion (Switzerland). Ninety-six IOC members are expected to vote in the final selection.

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