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VISIT TO CANADA OF HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS PRINCE SALMAN OF SAUDI ARABIA

The Secretary of State for External Affairs, the Honourable Barbara McDougall, today announced that His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Abdul Aziz, Governor of Riyadh, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, will visit Canada July 8-15, 1991.

"Prince Salman's visit provides a welcome opportunity to strengthen Canada's growing political, economic and cultural relations with the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia," said Mrs. McDougall.

His Royal Highness is the highest-ranking Saudi representative ever to visit Canada. During his visit the Prince will meet the Governor General, His Excellency the Right Honourable Ramon J. Hnatyshyn, the Speaker of the Senate, the Honourable Guy Charbonneau, and a number of federal government Ministers including Mrs. McDougall, the Minister for International Trade and Industry, Science and Technology, Michael H. Wilson and the Minister of Communications, Perrin Beatty. In addition, he will meet with officials from provincial and municipal governments and with business leaders involved in Canada's trade with Saudi Arabia. The visit includes stops in Ottawa, Montreal and Toronto.

Prince Salman will inaugurate a major cultural exhibition, "The Kingdom of Saudi Arabia: Yesterday and Today," in Montreal on July 11. This exhibition has been widely acclaimed in Europe, the Middle East, and in the United States. It will be open to the public at the Palais des Congrès in Montreal July 12-28 and at the Canadian National Exhibition in Toronto August 14 to September 2.

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