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SYDNEY; AUSTRALIA (CP) - EXTERNAL AFFAIRS MINISTER JOE CLARK SPENT HIS SECOND FULL DAY IN SYDNEY TODAY PREPARING FOR MONDAY'S OPENING IN CANBERRA OF THE FOURTH SESSION OF THE COMMONWEALTH COMMITTEE OF FOREIGN MINISTERS ON SOUTHERN AFRICA.

A SENIOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS SPOKESHAN SAID CLARK, WHO ARRIVED THURSDAY AFTER A 29-HOUR FLIGHT FROM PARIS WHERE HE ATTENDED THE INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON CAMBODIA, WAS ALSO MAKING PLANS FOR A SERIES OF BILATERAL DISCUSSIONS WITH SEVERAL OF THE COUNTRIES TAKING PART IN THE THREE-DAY CANBERRA CONFERENCE.

CLARK IS CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMONWEALTH COMMITTEE CONFERENCE THAT LAST MET IN HARARE, ZIMBABWE, IN FEBRUARY. OTHERS TAKING PART IN THE CONFERENCE ARE THE FOREIGN MINISTERS OF AUSTRALIA; GUYANA; INDIA; NIGERIA; TANZANIA; ZAMBIA AND ZIMBABWE.

CLARK WILL MEET ON SUNDAY WITH COMMONWEALTH SECRETARY GENERAL SIR SONNY RAMPHAL. CLARK WILL ALSO MEET WITH AUSTRALIAN PRIME MINISTER BOB HAWKE DURING HIS STAY IN CANBERRA.

HIS BILATERAL TALKS WITH AUSTRALIA'S FOREIGN MINISTER SENATOR GARETH EVANS WILL BE HELD THURSDAY PRIOR TO LEAVING THE COUNTRY.

THE SPOKESHAN SAID CLARK WILL DISCUSS WITH EVANS AMONG OTHER TOPICS CONSULAR REPRESENTATION IN COUNTRIES OR CITIES WHERE EITHER OF THEM DOES NOT HAVE A CONSULATE.

UNDER A JOINT PLAN, A CANADIAN TRAVELLER IN DISTRESS IN A CITY OR COUNTRY WITHOUT A CANADIAN CONSULATE COULD SEEK ASSISTANCE AT THE AUSTRALIAN CONSULATE.

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