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## CANADIAN RESPONSE TO THE SITUATION IN POLAND

The Secretary of State for External Affairs, the Honourable Mark MacGuigan, announced today that in view of the repression of civil liberties in Poland and continuing contravention of the principles of the Helsinki Final Act, the Canadian Government has decided to take the following measures to demonstrate its concern to the Polish and Soviet authorities:

- the programme of Canadian/Polish academic exchanges is being suspended;
- in reciprocity for the restrictions on the movements of Canadian diplomats in Warsaw, Canada is placing restrictions on representatives of the Polish Government in Canada;
- with other like-minded countries, Canada will support initiatives within international organizations such as the International Labour Organization and the United Nations Commission on Human Rights to promote respect for the basic rights of the Polish people; and
- Canada will continue to make its concerns over the situation in Poland known to Polish and Soviet authorities.

Concerning economic measures, Canada, in support of the general Alliance position, has decided:

- to extend no new commercial credits for goods other than food to Poland for the time being;
- to support a delay in holding negotiations on rescheduling repayments of Poland's official debts due in 1982; and