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UNITED NATIONS DAY MESSAGE TO
SECRETARY GENERAL PEREZ DE CUELLAR

The Secretary of State for External Affairs, the Right Honourable Joe Clark, has sent the following message to the Secretary General of the United Nations, Javier Perez de Cuellar, on the occasion of United Nations Day, October 24, 1988:

"Excellency,

Allow me to extend to you, on behalf of the Government and people of Canada, sincere best wishes on the occasion of the forty-third anniversary of the United Nations.

This year is especially favourable for the Parliament of Man as the trend for peace under the auspices of United Nations continues to prevail. It is, of course, most fitting that the United Nations and its peacekeeping forces were awarded this year's Nobel Peace Prize in recognition of years of loyal service to global stability. Canada is proud of the participation of 80,000 of our servicemen and women in UN peacekeeping operations. The award must also be seen as recognition of your own invaluable role in laying the foundations for peace and in creating these peacekeeping operations.

On United Nations Day, the blue and white flag that symbolizes international peace and cooperation is flown outside the Houses of Parliament and numerous other buildings in Canada. It serves to remind us of Canada's forty-three-year-old commitment to the spirit of internationalism embodied in the Charter of the United Nations and reaffirms wholeheartedly our support for the U.N. and its family of organizations.

Accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration."

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