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IRAN: CANADA PROTESTS RAFSANJANI'S STATEMENT

The Secretary of State for External Affairs, the Right Honourable Joe Clark, today welcomed reports of the PLO's rejection of the call to violence issued by the Speaker of the Iranian Parliament, Ali Hashemi Rafsanjani.

Mr. Clark noted that on Friday, May 5, Canada delivered a protest to the Iranian Chargé d'affaires in Ottawa, condemning Mr. Rafsanjani's remarks earlier that day, and terming them unacceptable. Canada remains in close touch with its allies and other western countries represented in Iran with regard to the most effective way to deal with Iran on an ongoing basis.

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